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Nighttime taxi hubs sought along LRT line

Service solution? Model could be similar to airport or downtown taxi stand setup

As an airline pilot, Jeff Binks frequently tours foreign locales and relies on taxis to do so.

Except in Calgary, where he says the only spot with decent service is the queue line maintained by Associated Cab at the airport.

"As far as the taxi service in Calgary, it's some of the worst I've come across in all of my travels," Binks said. "As a Calgarian living here and growing up here, to me, it's a failure of the system and an embarrassment to the city."

Binks is a vice-president and co-founder of the LRTontheGreen advocacy group, which has rallied support for major transit investment, but he's has also spent time chatting up cabbies on how to improve service. He said opinions vary on whether the city's system is broken, but all came back to the same conclusion that in the evenings the majority of drivers spend their time patrolling the city centre for bar patron fares.

He wants to change that and has submitted a proposal to the Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) proposing to establish "nighttime taxi hubs" at four stations in close proximity to major cross roads — Dalhousie, Sirocco, Anderson and Rundle.

Quoted

"We're seeing that millennials, people of that age group, are driving less and they're using public transit more and they were brought up on 'don't drink and drive,' so we need to provide a service that fits with this new demographic." Coun. Druh Farrell

Binks wants to see dedicated taxi queues — potentially serviced by a single company — at the stations as well as a "batphone" where a weary commuter could phone directly a specific dispatcher for service if no cabs are in line.

Binks said he's run his proposal past multiple city councillors and appears to have piqued the interest of Ward 7 representative Druh Farrell, who's been critical of taxi service in recent months, even telling Metro in August she would go so far as to support a deregulated system.

Farrell said she wasn't sold on having a single cab provider service the transit hubs but the rest of the concept is sound.

"To have a really effective taxi system, you need an effective transit system — they work hand-in-glove," she said, later adding, "With these hubs, similar to the late-night taxi stands downtown, you know where to go and the cab drivers would know where to go to pick up a fare."

Farrell said she inquired about the concept with the city's chief livery inspector Marc Halat, who told her such hubs were "in the works."

But Marcia Andreychuk, who works in Halat's office and serves as a TLAC business analyst, said the concept is just one that could be proposed as the city receives a plethora of GPS and taximeter data from every cab working in the city. She said recommendations based on that information could come forward in the first half of 2015, but also noted each transit station in the city already has 1-2 parking stalls or curbside spots reserved for taxis.

Still, she said, "The analysis and the evaluation could scream for there to be more (taxi stands) in a particular place."

TLAC is due to weigh the merits of Binks' proposal at a meeting Friday.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



CIFF STARS ALL SMILES

Kyle Catlett, star of The Young and Prodigious T.S. Spivet — the opening film for the Calgary International Film Festival — and Rick Mercer walk the red carpet on Thursday night to kick off the 11-day festival. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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IT'S THE THOUGHT...
Someone's been setting up a chair, small table and a vase of flowers at a bus stop on 96 Ave and Harvest Hills Link NE. Thursday they even left a crossword book!

3
OSCARS CANCON
Film buffs take note: Friday, Telefilm Canada is announcing the Canadian movie that will be considered for best foreign language film at this year's Oscars.

4
SENTENCING
A woman found guilty in the deaths of a motorcyclist and his daughter is expected to be sentenced Friday. Emma Czornobaj caused the crash after stopping to help ducks on the highway.

5
PRINCE & PREZ
Prince Harry, fourth in line to the British throne, has been appointed honorary president of World Cup organizers England Rugby 2015.

Killing cougar near hospital a 'difficult decision': Province

On the prowl. Big cat causes fright for construction worker, hospital attendees

Alberta Fish and Wildlife representatives insisted Thursday they didn't take a decision to shoot and kill a cougar lightly after the big cat was spotted on the prowl near a south Calgary hospital.

Dramatic footage of the incident emerged shortly after officers cornered the cougar near the South Health Campus.

There were actually initial reports of two cougars in the area, but an extensive search determined that not to be the case.

Some on social media were quick to question why the animal wasn't tranquilized, but a spokesman for Fish and Wildlife said there are no guarantees with that approach and noted the cougar was wandering perilously close to a hospital entrance.

"It was a difficult decision ... anytime a large predator enters into an urban area it's a significant public safety concern and our officers will respond in those cases to try to remove the animal to try to get it to leave," spokesman Brendan Cox said. "In this case, they did want to tranquilize it, but tranquilizing cougars can be very risky and that proved to be especially true in a situation like this.

"The first thing you have to look at the cougar's behaviour ... if it's very wound up and frightened then it's hard to tell if the tranquilizer will even have any effect ... even if the drug does take effect, it's not immediate.

"The cougar will be agitated and there's a high chance that it could escape to a more populated area or it could pose a danger to the officers and the other people in the immediate area."

On one video of the killing, muffled expressions of shock could be heard among witnesses in a building overlooking the area where the cougar was cornered as officers repeatedly shot the animal.

Prior to that, workers at an under-construction Marriott Hotel evacuated the site after one member encountered the cougar in the basement of the building, according to site Supt. David Whidden.

"We initiated our emergency response plan and evacuated the site and followed our company policy and called police," Whidden said.

Police duty Insp. Keith Cain said a tactical team was deployed in the area and they used a robot to search the basement area of the worksite.

"They didn't locate any animal," Cain said.

Numerous wildlife, many likely searching for food, have crossed into Calgary's borders in the wake of a surprise September snowfall last week. Cox said, as far as he was aware, Thursday's incident was the only time officers had used lethal force on a wayward animal since the snowstorm.

JEREMY NOLAIS & DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

Online

To see a video of the incident, go to metronews.ca/calgary. Warning: It contains graphic images and strong language.



Fish and Wildlife officers shot a cougar outside Calgary's South Health Campus on Thursday. A portion of the incident is captured in this video still. YOUTUBE SCREENSHOT

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Great plate debate called off

'Focused on real priorities'. Premier Jim Prentice rules licence plates won't change



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Alberta's new Premier Jim Prentice has decided the province's licence plate design will stay as is.

Prentice announced an end to the plate debate during a news conference Thursday, saying Albertans aren't interested in the change.

"Albertans are content with the existing licence plate. They want the government focused on real priorities," he said

The government proposed three alternative designs for the licence plate earlier this year, all of which proposed removing the Wild Rose Country slogan and replacing it with the province's website address.



Premier Jim Prentice CONTRIBUTED

The government allowed online votes and announced a winning design, but Prentice said Thursday no change will be coming.

Prentice said the project wasn't handled well and he sees no reason to spend more money on it.

"There was a lot of unhappiness about this, about the way it was done and the way it was communicated," he said.

Prentice couldn't provide an exact number, but said that the costs for the program so far had been minimal, because the company that wanted to make the new plates provided the design work free of charge.

The government estimated the cost of changing all 4.8 million plates would have been about $15 million.

Wildrose MLA Bruce Rowe said while Prentice did the right thing in the end, the whole ordeal should never have happened.

"We're pleased that Premier Prentice decided to do the right thing and listen to Albertans. It's just such a shame they wasted so much time."

Well-heeled

Hundreds of Calgary men slipped their feet into women's shoes to show off their stride, Thursday at Olympic Plaza. It was all a part of the YWCA of Calgary's ninth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, to raise money and awareness for family violence programs. Scan the image with your Metro News app if you want to see some of the men in action.

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Municipal Affairs

Minister McQueen has 'respect' for Mayor Nenshi's combative style

Mayor Naheed Nenshi has not had the most cordial of relationships with previous municipal affairs ministers but the new person in charge of the file says she's not worried about the past and understands where the mayor is coming from.

Municipal Affairs Minister Diana McQueen, who served as mayor of Drayton Valley before being elected as the area's MLA in 2008, said Nenshi's sometimes-combative style in dealing with the province comes with the territory of being a municipal leader.

"I understand the role of a mayor, albeit mine was a much smaller community," McQueen said. "But the role of a mayor or a reeve is to advocate for your municipality. I respect that."

McQueen, who was sworn in Monday as part of Premier Jim Prentice's cabinet, said she plans to meet with both Nenshi and Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson next week.

"For me, what will really be important is to be able to build a relationship with them and to be able to talk about moving forward," she said.

Prentice outlined the creation of "a new partnership with big cities" as one of four key mandates for McQueen in her new role.

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Diana McQueen and Naheed Nenshi. TWITTER/METRO FILE

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School support program a 'home run'

New approach. Support program touted as one unlike any other in North America



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Holy Trinity School students Alondra Segovia-Garcia, left, Desmond Rutherford and Kevin Abiles are joined by Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. David Stevenson, city police Chief Rick Hanson and Calgary Catholic School District Chief Supt. Gary Strother during the launched of the Integrated School Support Project on Thursday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Full-time psychologists, routine police visits, social services assistance on demand and much more.

But at Holy Trinity School, one of two schools now piloting Calgary's Integrated School Support Project, it's the hot soup that's been the big hit so far.

"We've had some kids coming back to us for four servings," said principal Sandy Solyom, adding the enhanced meal program that came as a result of the project's collaboration aims to provide well-rounded nourishment for those kids that show up the class without a single snack.

"This whole approach is just a home run for our kids," the principal added.

It's being touted as a program unlike any other in North America, maybe even the world. The support project features collaboration between city police, both the public and Catholic school boards, the provincial government, the City of Calgary along with a range of city youth and aid groups.

Patrick Airlie School is the other school testing out the project and Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. David Stevenson credited teamwork among the various agencies involved.

"Our community, our future becomes stronger ... when we all work together we're able to provide opportunities for our students that, separately, we could never provide," he said.

The project includes the 16-constable International Avenue Beat Team that police deployed in July to do routine foot patrols in the Forest Lawn area.

Solyom said the patrols are immediately beneficial and are spurring a "new normal" in the community, one where kids don't necessarily associate the sighting of a police officer as being a bad thing.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson said such a project could only happen in Calgary.

"It's all about those kids and our ability to connect with the families," he said.

Benefits

Some perks of the Integrated School Support Project:

- **Physical education and activity:** One teacher has been added at each school to support students with fitness and personal well-being on a daily basis. Sport Chek also donated fitness monitors and The Big Give Project provided equipment and items like running shoes.
- **Academic support:** Calgary Reads will provide support to students struggling with literacy in grades 1 and 2. The Calgary Public Library will also provide tutoring and other programs.
- **Nutrition and food safety:** Breakfast and lunch clubs are being expanded with the help of Meals on Wheels and Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids.
- **Family services:** School will serve as a hub for family supports provided mobile care units run by Ronald McDonald House and The Alex. Benefits included nutrition education, adult health screening, dental care support and vision screening.





Lemonade stands from 361 vendors stretched 1,510 feet around Eau Claire Thursday in a world-record attempt and fundraising event. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

Sweet spot. Lemonade vendors go for world record

That's an awful lot of lemons, but there was nothing sour about this world-record attempt in Calgary Thursday.

A maze of more than 1,500 feet of hawkers peddling sugar-sweet lemonade weaved around Eau Claire Thursday as 361 vendors raised $150,000 for the Dare to Care program.

Dwayne Peace, who helped organize the event, said Calgary businesses put their full support behind the effort, which helps raise cash for anti-bullying programs in Alberta schools. One vendor pulled in more than $3,400 in donations.

"What's cool is all this money goes right to Alberta schools," Peace said.

Cody Hansen, who helped man the Windsor Plywood booth, said it was great to be involved.

"I was bullied a lot when I was a kid. Many of my friends were bullied — it was nice to give back to a community that helped me out when I was younger," he said.

Peace said they would be submitting their endeavour to Guinness as they beat the old world record for longest lemonade stand by around 100 feet. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

The heroes Calgary deserves: Batmen set Guinness record

United Way fundraiser.
It's not who they are underneath, but what they do that defines them

What do hundreds of Calgarians dressed head-to-toe in Batman costumes do while they wait for the final few stragglers to join them and set a Guinness World Record?

They dance, of course.

That was the surreal scene outside Nexen headquarters in downtown Calgary Thursday, as 500 some-odd employees of the oil and gas giant gathered to raise funds for the United Way and make their mark in the world-renowned book of weird and wondrous feats.

Understandably, the unusual ensemble attracted the attention of perplexed passers-by, and one woman — who had no idea what was going on — nonetheless made an apropos request to event MC and United Way campaign co-chair Dave Kelly, which he dutifully passed on to the Batmen.

"I told them: 'Danielle here in the crowd, who has no idea what you're doing, would love to see you dance,'" Kelly recounted. "And they just busted out."



Nexen employees dressed as Batman dance to YMCA by the Village People in downtown Calgary Thursday. COURTESY FELICIA ZUNIGA

Eventually the dancing died down and the full 542 participants had their costumes inspected by a Guinness Book of World Records staffer, who also ensured they all stood in one space for a full five minutes, before bestowing upon them the official world record for the "largest gathering of people dressed as Batman."

The previous record was a mere 250.

"We blew apart the old record," Kelly said. "There was no comparison the greatness that we are." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

United Way

The world-record gathering was part of the United Way's superhero-themed 2014 fundraising campaign.

- "When we know we're united to do good, we have the power to make a difference," said Karen Young, vice-president and COO of the United Way of Calgary and Area.
- Nexen has been a major supporter of the United Way, Young said, raising more than $17 million over the past 20 years during its annual campaigns.

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Redbook. Tory member penning behind-the-scenes book on Redford, politics

Get ready for Redbook.

Alberta legislature member Thomas Lukaszuk says he is starting work on a "behind-the-scenes" book on his political days and on life under former Tory premier Alison Redford.

"Until I write my book … no one will really know what has truly happened and how many courageous MLAs there actually have been dealing with the situations of the day — and how much worse things could have been," Lukaszuk said in an interview.

"I think it will be interesting to some."

Lukaszuk and many of his Progressive Conservative caucus colleagues were sharply criticized for not standing up to Redford over self-indulgent spending and, according to some reports, the belittling of staff.

The book is in its infancy, said Lukaszuk, adding he isn't through with political life and plans to run again for the PCs in 2016 in his riding of Edmonton-Castle Downs.

"I'm not sure when it will (be completed)," he said. "(But) I'm going to start jotting down notes."

Lukaszuk, 45, says the book will also be about his struggles in Canada after coming from Poland, along with his years under former Tory premiers Ralph Klein and Ed Stelmach.

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Back to life as backbencher

Lukaszuk, along with Ric McIver, challenged new premier Jim Prentice for the party leadership this summer after spending scandals forced Redford to resign as premier in March.

- Earlier this week, Prentice announced his new cabinet, putting McIver in Lukaszuk's old job and leaving Lukaszuk on the backbenches.

A SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE AFTER MEETING TAMARA



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On taking a break from being mad

Here's someone who has real things to be upset about, but you wouldn't know it.

You may have heard recently the story of Tamara Gignac, the local Calgary Herald writer, wife and mother of two, who this past June was diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable colon cancer and given a year to live, "give or take."

Earlier this week, a unique fundraiser brought together media from every outlet and more high-profile politicians than I think I had ever seen in one room. Besides being lured by the promise of free beer, more than 500 people were there just to celebrate a busy life still being lived.

I'm not really sure why, but on the same day of Tamara's fundraiser, I thought about this list that a co-worker at my last job kept.

It's a list of things that I said I always said I hated. Some of the things listed are meant to be funny: "People who name their kids after cities they've never been to." And others are probably things that only I notice: "People who wear running shoes for any other purpose but to run." But it's been occurring to me lately that I spend a lot of my energy being angry. Which, I'm guessing, isn't good.

I'd been friends with Tamara's husband Heath for a while, but met Tamara only at the event itself. But if I could wish anything on anyone, it would be that you could have seen her beautiful smile; it was as big as the room — and we were in a very big room.

I don't remember what we talked about during our brief conversation because the whole time I was thinking, Here's someone who has real things to be upset about, but you wouldn't know it.

You might not know Tamara personally, but we likely all know someone going through something similar and they probably aren't upset about the same silly things that we are.

Of course I'll still be mad about things. I'm mad that our new education minister, Gordon Dirks, gives sermons at a church that equates homosexuality to sex with animals. I'm mad that stubborn city councillors are going to let secondary suites fail for a 30th time without offering any actual solutions. But mostly, I'm mad that people insist on parking Car2Gos in private parking garages.

But, I think beginning to realize that I'm always going to be mad about those things, or at least something, and I'm not sure what good it's going to get me.

Tamara, and thousands of people like her, should be furious — yet they smile.

Maybe I need to take a break from being mad about things?

Maybe I'll start this weekend?

I mean, why not? The weather is perfect, I've got my health and friends who regularly handle the fact that I submit applications to reality shows on their behalf.

It sucks that it takes bad things to help give us perspective; it'd be even worse to ignore the opportunity when it's given to us.

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Committee set to tighten conditions for owning highly coveted taxi plates

Cab competition.
Driver believes experience key to improving service



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Cabs are see lined on a downtown Calgary street. City council is due to mull adding 383 vehicles to city streets on Monday. METRO FILE

If Calgary city council greenlights nearly 400 additional cabs to roam city streets, it appears an advisory committee will recommend stricter conditions for obtaining the cherished vehicle plates.

At a meeting last month, the Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) approved a motion from member Jaspal Sekhon, which called for bumping up the requirements for entering a taxi plate lottery to five years of continuous service and a minimum of 5,500 hours behind the wheel of a taxi.

In a phone interview, Sekhon, a Checker Yellow Cabs driver, said it's vital to have some seasoned knowledge among plate owners in order to improve city service — especially during the rush hour and peak bar-closing periods.

"Guys with more experience would know how to run the system better," he said. "You're getting a better experienced driver holding the plate, who knows more about the city and how to run his car and business and why you should have two drivers (operating the vehicle)."

Requirements in past plate lotteries have required drivers to have operated a cab for 900 hours in the past 12 months.

The plates are highly coveted because they allow drivers to operate as independent contractors and essentially chose for which city brokerage they want to work. Last year, 1,633 people applied for 47 plates issued by the city.

City of Calgary administrators, however, warned in a document posted online this week that it appears Sekhon's motion would be in violation of a late-1990s court decision from Justice John Rooke. He found that restricting access to plates could lead to a situation of "intra-class discrimination," the city wrote.

"Anyone who has a taxi driver's licence currently is equally qualified to operate the taxi in the court's eyes and thus eligible to receive a taxi plate," the city report added. "Number of years in service cannot be used as a criteria restricting issuance of new plates."

Recently released taxi plates have been deemed non-transferrable, a move aimed at cutting out steep prices paid between drivers for exchanging ownership of what's essentially city property — in early 2013, Metro found some plates being sold online for over $100,000.

Sekhon's motion was approved at an Aug. 15 TLAC meeting. Since then, a city committee has approved adding 383 cabs to city streets, but the proposal will still need to go before council and has been opposed by some drivers who claim it will cut drastically into their earnings.

TLAC generally provides guidance to city council and is composed of industry representatives and independent stakeholders.

Grounding airport service?

- Jaspal Sekhon's TLAC motion also called for disallowing any drivers of new plates to operate in the cab bullpen at Calgary International Airport.
- Associated Cab curreently holds sole ownership of the airport service contract. The company's president, Roger Richard, said Sekhon's motion puts inappropriate restrictions on plate ownership. "I told him before the meeting that this idea of his wouldn't work."
- The online response from city officials appeared to back up the claims from Associated's boss. It stated, "With respect to the motion to restrict new taxi plate licensees from operating at the airport, the (livery) manager agrees there may be merits to restricting the geographic operation of new taxi plates licences, considering that the reason for releasing new taxi plate licences is to address peak-period demands, however, upon review does not agree with restricting operations at the airport."

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University of Calgary.
Law students could face 46 per cent tuition hike

Details have trickled out regarding one of three programs in line for a potential tuition hike at the University of Calgary: It appears law students may need to shell out thousands more for their education.

A slide provided to Metro from a town-hall proposal held Wednesday indicate that the law faculty will pitch the province on attaching a $250 market-modifier to the $539 fee charged per course, raising the total cost per student by 46 per cent.

According to the image, the average tuition for a first-year law student would rise to $16,100 and about $14,000 for second- and third-year learners.

U of C administrators couldn't be reached for comment Thursday afternoon.

But Levi Nilson with the campus students' union said the hike would hurt access for prospective lawyers.

"It would have a pretty devastating impact on the people who want to get into these programs that wouldn't have the financial ability," Nilson said. "As much as they want to put money into bursaries and scholarships as a result of this, it's not enough. They're closing the door and they're reopening it just a crack."

U of C provost Dru Marshall has indicated that administrators are seeking tuition hikes for the engineering and business-administration programs as well. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Cash yield

If approved, the increased law tuition revenue would amount to about $1 million annually, with $700,000 coming back to actual faculty and the rest being turned over to central administration.

Weeks-old infant

Mom took kid on drug deals: Cops

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) say a 24-year-old Lethbridge mother brought her weeks-old infant along as she peddled cocaine.

The child has since been taken from her. She's been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

"Investigators ... made the decision to prematurely conclude the investigation in order to protect the welfare of the child," read a release on Thursday. METRO

Fence removed

Bear cubs killed on highway

Two grizzly bear cubs have been killed in a collision on the Trans-Canada Highway west of Calgary.

Alberta Parks says the bears died early Wednesday near an area known as Dead Man's Flats.

The department says a wildlife fence in the area had been taken down for repairs after last year's flood. Tim Chamberlin, a department spokesman, says the fence was about a week away from being completed.

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The Glenbow Museum is located in downtown Calgary and features a collection of both archival and artistic exhibits. METRO FILE

Museum to modernize — as finances permit

Glenbow Musuem.
'Structural deficits' a persistent presence in the museum's ledgers



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In the face of declining attendance and their patrons' changing tastes, those in charge of the Glenbow Museum say they need to update their offerings — but financial challenges stand in the way of doing something too bold too quickly.

"These are not easy decisions," CEO Donna Livingstone said at the museum's annual general meeting this week. "We've got to get our house in order before we can even open the door to too many new ideas that are expensive."

Livingstone said there are opportunities to bring in new visitors by connecting its existing collections with more modern pop culture.

"The costumes of Star Wars is a travelling exhibition right now that ties in perfectly with our samurai armour, because that's where they got a lot of their inspirations from," she said.

"I like those kinds of ideas, but the challenge with those types of exhibits is that they're very expensive, and you have to really believe that you can deliver on that."

Content aside, the way exhibits are presented also needs to become more modern and interactive, according to board member John Larsen, who chairs the museum's collections and access committee.

"The days of going from A to Z and dutifully reading the signs, we know that's passed," he said. "If we keep ourselves rooted to that and anchored to that, I think we'll be in a difficult situation."

"There are some very progressive institutions around the world that are doing some amazing things ... holographic projections and things of that nature," Larsen added. "We're not at liberty to do those now, for obvious reasons."



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Mount Royal's new Centre for Community Disaster Research is to receive $180,000 in new funding. METRO FILE

Disaster research at Mount Royal to get $180K boost

Personal experience. Research director has lived through two major disasters himself

Mount Royal University's new Centre for Community Disaster Research, created in the wake of the historic southern Alberta flooding of 2013, is set to receive $180,000 to further research into disaster mitigation.

The funds are to be announced Friday by centre director Tim Haney, who lived in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and in Calgary during last year's flood, and is heading up the inter-disciplinary research body.

Described as the first of its kind in Western Canada, the centre will be a "hub for research, education and outreach related to natural, social, technological and economic disasters," Mount Royal officials said in a release.

Quoted

"The 2013 floods provided an opportunity to engage with communities on questions around mitigation, recovery and resilience."

Centre for Community Disaster Research director Tim Haney

The Calgary Foundation is providing $90,000 to the centre through its "new initiatives" program grant, and The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is providing a matching $90,000 grant.

Mount Royal officials said the centre "will strive to generate academic research, sustained discussions, programming and policy recommendations that will help to mitigate disaster risk, lessen vulnerability and contribute to community resilience."

The academic work comes as Alberta prepares to deal with what Environment Minister Kyle Fawcett described as an increased risk of natural disasters due to climate change.

"We have seen in this province over the last few years how devastating that can be and we need to be prepared," Fawcett said. "That's what people in Alberta want their government to do." METRO

Late start. Legislature sits Nov. 17, won't reintroduce pension reform bills

The Alberta government has announced the fall legislature session will begin Nov. 17 with a speech from the throne.

It's a later date than usual, but gives Premier Jim Prentice and two of his cabinet ministers time to run in byelections to gain seats in the house.

Prentice had promised the byelections will be held before the house sits, but has yet to say when and where the three of them will run.

Government house leader Diana McQueen also announced that two controversial pension reform bills will not be brought back.

The government shelved the legislation this past spring over concerns it would slash retirement payouts drastically for public sector workers.

Finance Minister Robin Campbell has been tasked with finding a new way to make sure pensions are sustainable. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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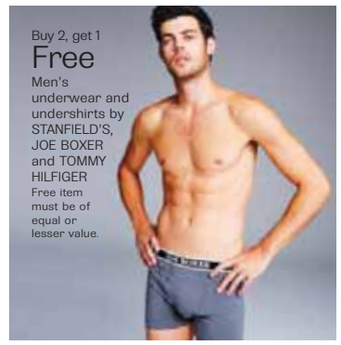
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Rally for murdered and missing aboriginal women on Parliament Hill last year. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Native women are easier prey: Study

Public Safety Canada study. Aboriginal women and girls are more likely to become victims of human traffickers

Aboriginal women and girls are easy prey for human traffickers because they are more likely to suffer from poverty, drug addictions and mental-health problems, says a newly disclosed report.

The Public Safety Canada study sheds new light on how women and girls are forced into the sex trade — by pimps acting as boyfriends, by small, loosely defined gangs and even by members of their own families.

The previously unreleased research is bound to add fuel to the fire raging in Canada over the Conservative government's refusal to hold a national inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women and girls.

Many study participants said human trafficking and murdered and missing women and girls are just symptoms of a much larger problem.

"A number of participants believed that the trafficking of aboriginal women and girls was part of a wider 'Canadian crisis,'" says the May 2014 report, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

"This crisis was a continuum of related phenomena involving the criminal victimization of aboriginal women and girls," it says, "evident by the large numbers of aboriginal women and girls who are subjected to physical and sexual violence, are trafficked, and who go missing or are murdered." Last month, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the issue was a crime problem, not a "sociological phenomenon."

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Apathy

"What's happened to aboriginal people in this country is reflected in the murdered and missing women."

Yvonne Boyer, research chair in aboriginal health, Manitoba's Brandon University

Just a 'crime problem'?

Among the other findings in the Public Safety report:

- Family members, gangs and friends can recruit women through financial and psychological coercion and violence.
- Small gangs, not highly sophisticated organizations, are behind most of the trafficking of aboriginal women.

Rapist urged his victim to kill herself, new charges contend

A man in prison for raping a girl starting when she was 12 is now charged with trying to persuade her to kill herself by cutting her wrists and taking prescription medication while he watched on a webcam.

Michael John Morlan, 21, was out on bail on the rape charges when he spoke with the then-15-year-old girl via Skype last September and told her to commit suicide while he watched.

The girl told investigators that when she started crying, Morlan told her to stop wasting air and get it over with. The teen said Morlan repeatedly told her to kill herself. When she started cutting her wrists, he told her to cut deeper and then told her to take a handful of antidepressants, court records said.

She took the pills then panicked, disconnected the call and went to her parents. Morlan is serving a seven-year prison sentence for raping the girl. He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday on new charges including aiding or soliciting suicide.

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New ISIS video the first of three

The Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) released a video Thursday showing a British journalist who says he is a prisoner of the extremists.

In a slick three-minute video shot with three cameras, John Cantlie, a photojournalist, said he worked for publications including The Sunday Times, The Sun and The Sunday Telegraph and came to Syria in November 2012 where he was subsequently captured by ISIS.

The group has beheaded two U.S. journalists — James Foley and Steven Sotloff — and a British aid worker named David Haines.

The clip was released by ISIS Thursday. It is the first of three lectures Cantlie says will reveal the truth about ISIS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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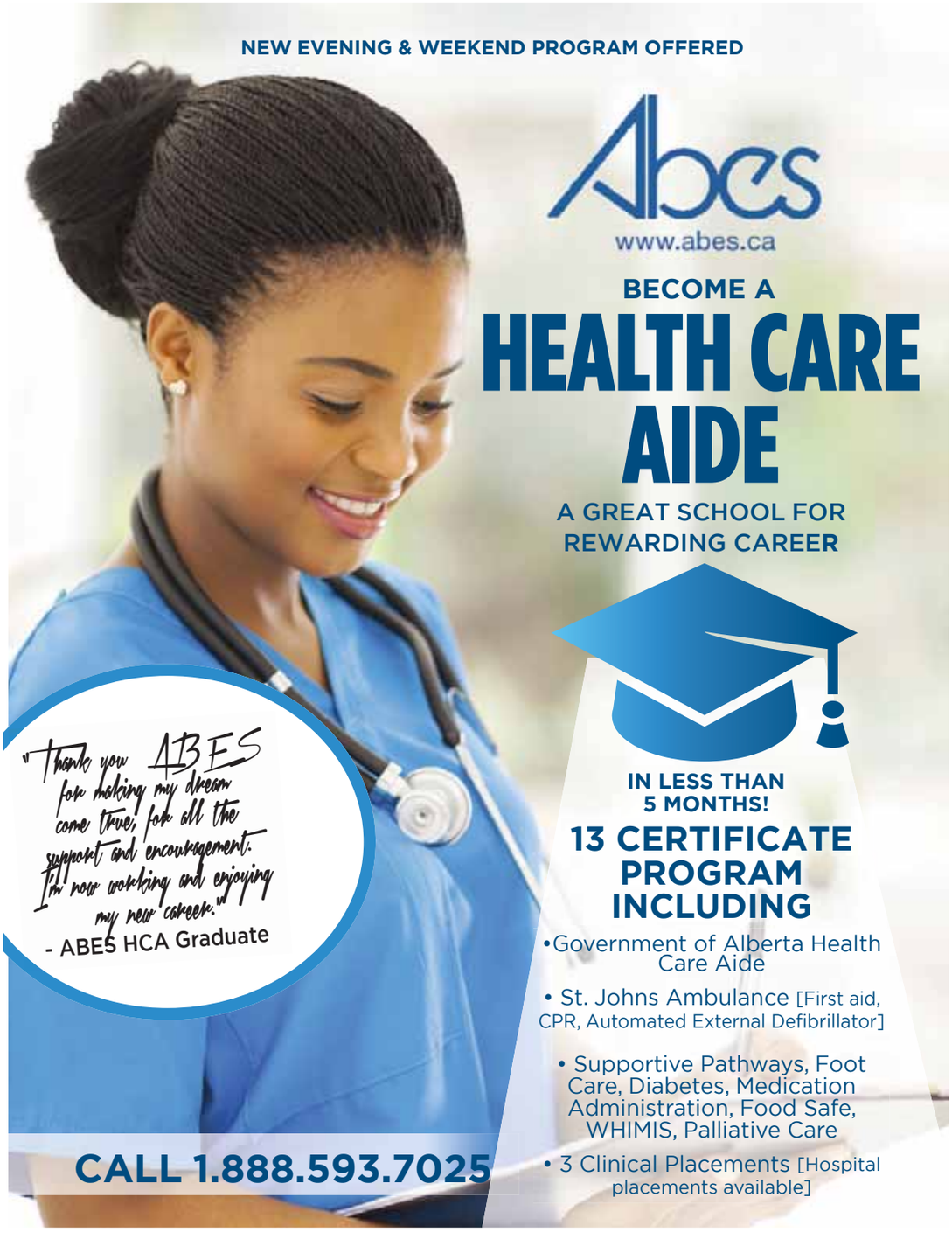
Man kills family, commits suicide

A sheriff says a man killed six of his grandchildren, his adult daughter and himself in a small town in north Florida.

Gilchrist County Sheriff Robert Schultz at a news conference identified the man as 51-year-old Don Spirit. He says the children ranged in age from 3 months to 10-years-old.

Schultz says a deputy who arrived on a report of a shooting Thursday made contact with Spirit, who later committed suicide.

A photo on the Gainesville Sun's website shows several police vehicles on a rural road. A sheriff's deputy was keeping people away behind police tape. Bell is small town of 350 people 48 kilometres west of Gainesville. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





An Australian Muslim community gathers for a peaceful demonstration following the detainment of 15 suspected ISIS supporters who allegedly planned to carry out beheadings in Sydney. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police stop beheading plot, detain 15 suspects

ISIS in Australia. Supporters of the Islamic militant group alleged to be behind plot to kill Aussie Prime Minister

Australian police thwarted a plot to carry out beheadings on Thursday that were to be conducted by local supporters of Islamic militants.

Officials said police raided over a dozen properties across Sydney and were holding six people, one they have identified as the suspected ringleader. Nine others were detained and freed before the day was over.

The raid involved 800 federal and state officers — the largest in Australian history — and came in response to intelligence that the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) leaders were calling on Australian supporters to kill Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

Abbott was asked about reports that the detainees were planning to behead a random person in Sydney.

"That's the intelligence we received," he told reporters, noting the threats came from a senior ISIS member in Australia.

ISIS refers to the al-Qaida splinter group leading Sunni militants in Iraq and Syria.

Australia estimates about 60 citizens are fighting alongside the ISIS and Nusra Front groups in Iraq and Syria, while it additionally believes at least 100 Australians actively support extremist groups from within the country in capacities inclusive of training and recruitment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Craigslist. Newlyweds get life for killing a man who responded to an ad

A newlywed couple whose Craigslist ad lured a stranger to his death were sentenced Thursday to life in prison without parole by a judge who said their "permanent removal" from society is appropriate.

Neither 19-year-old Miranda Barbour nor her 22-year-old husband, Elytte, displayed emotion as they sat with their lawyers in the Pennsylvania courtroom while some of the victim's relatives described the grief and pain they have experienced since the Nov. 11 murder.

"Even if they each serve 50 years, they still will not feel any guilt or sympathy," said Holly LaFerrara, the victim's sister. "They completely lack empathy. They have no conscience, no remorse and no moral compass." Elytte Barbour read an apology in court, but said he could not explain participating in the "senseless crime."

"It is not the person who I am," he said. "It's not the person I want to be." Miranda Barbour didn't address the judge. The couple pleaded guilty last month to second-degree murder in a plea deal that ruled out the death penalty.

Elytte Barbour told police the couple killed LaFerrara because they wanted to kill someone together.

They were married in North Carolina and moved to Pennsylvania about three weeks before they met up with the victim, Troy LaFerrara, 42, when he responded to an ad offering female companionship. On the day LaFerrara was killed, Miranda Barbour picked him up at a mall and drove to the town of Sunbury while Elytte hid in the back seat under a blanket. Once they parked, Elytte Barbour emerged from hiding and held a cord against LaFerrara's neck while his petite wife stabbed LaFerrara 20 times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mass killer turning even more extreme, Dad says



Jens Breivik, father of mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik, at the launch of his book, My Fault?, on Thursday. TORSTEIN BOE/NTB SCANPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anders Behring Breivik. Norwegian's father, Jens, says son is becoming 'maybe ... more dangerous' during time in prison

The father of Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik says he fears his son is becoming even more extreme and dangerous in prison.

In his first news conference since the July 22, 2011, attacks that killed 77 people, Jens Breivik said Thursday he had requested to visit his son at the Oslo area prison where he is serving a 21-year sentence that could be extended indefinitely. But the convicted terrorist and right-wing fanatic rebuffed him in a letter, saying his father had to adopt a "fascist" ideology for them to have any contact.

"The letter scared me," the elder Breivik told reporters in Oslo in connection with the launch of his book, My Fault?

"I think he's just becoming more and more extreme. Maybe he's becoming more dangerous, too. I don't know."

A self-described "militant nationalist" on a crusade to rid Europe of Muslims, Breivik set off a powerful bomb that killed eight people in Oslo's government district. He then went on a shooting rampage on Utoya island, killing 69 people — mostly teens — at a summer camp.

Breivik grew up with his mother in Oslo and had only intermittent contact with his father, a Norwegian diplomat who remarried and moved to Paris. "It's completely unfathomable to me that my own son would have done such a thing," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luka Magnotta

Jury selection ending; trial set to start Monday

Another woman has been selected to hear evidence at Luka Rocco Magnotta's first-degree murder trial, bringing to 10 the number of jurors picked so far.

The woman is a university employee. Earlier today, two men were chosen — a freelance translator and a professor at a junior college. That means the jury currently consists of five men and five women. The process will continue until 16 people have been picked — 14 jurors and two alternates. The 32-year-old Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to five charges, including first-degree murder, in the 2012 slaying and dismemberment of 33-year-old Jun Lin, an engineering student. The trial is scheduled to begin hearing evidence Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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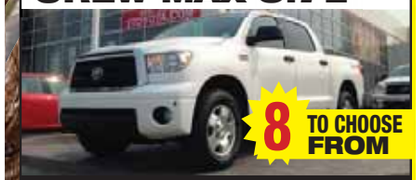
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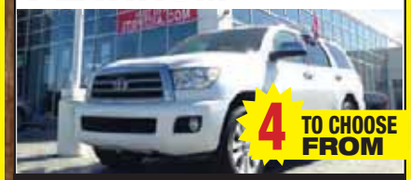
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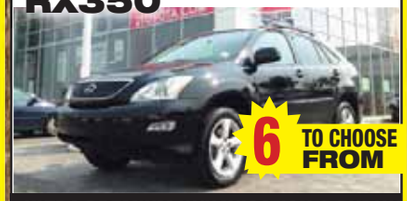
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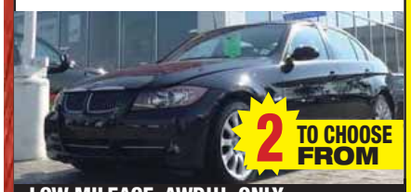


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1 Pride. Their true colours
Chris McAleese holds a Saltire flag as he walks past a polling station on Thursday. ANDREW MILLIGAN/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Excitement. People gather ahead of vote
A Unionist supporter talks with a Yes supporter in George Square before polling closed on Thursday in Glasgow.
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3 On the line. Making a brief statement
Underwear displaying support for a Yes vote hangs from a washing line below in Edinburgh Thursday.
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Independence. Historic day arrives as Scots vote on whether or not to break away from the United Kingdom

Excitement vied with apprehension as Scottish voters went to the polls Thursday in a referendum on independence, deciding whether to dissolve a 307-year union with England that brought prosperity but has increasingly felt stifling to many Scots.

As the polls closed and the vote counting began, there was a quiet thrill of history in the making on the fog-shrouded streets of Scotland's capital, Edinburgh. Many Scots were staying up all night in homes and bars to watch the results roll in.

Eager voters had lined up outside some polling stations even before they opened at 7 a.m. Many polling stations were busy and turnout was expected to be high. More than 4.2 million people had registered to vote — 97 per cent of those eligible — including residents as young as 16.

A Yes vote would trigger 18 months of negotiations between Scottish leaders and London-based politicians on how the two countries would separate their institutions before Scotland's planned Independence Day on March 24, 2016. For some, it was a day they had dreamed of for decades. For others, the time had finally come to make up their mind — both for themselves and the U.K.
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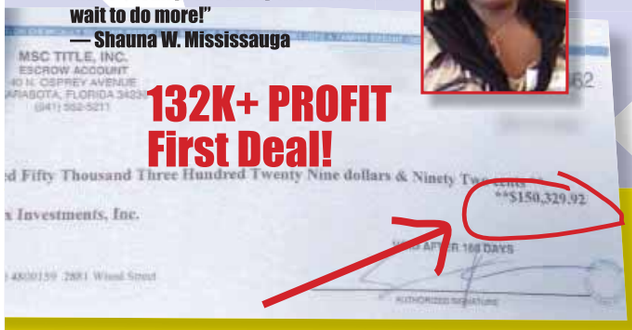
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Israel. Museum claims to have the oldest Jewish prayer book in existence

An Israeli museum on Thursday unveiled what it says is the oldest known Jewish prayer book in the world, dating back to the ninth century.

The prayer book, about 10 centimetres long and seven centimetres wide, is written in Hebrew, contains about 50 pages, and is still in its original binding. It was donated to the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem by Oklahoma businessman Steve Green, a devout Christian whose family controls the Hobby Lobby crafts store chain.

Green said the book originated in the Middle East and that three experts, working independently, had carbon-dated it to the year 820.

Haggai Ben Shammai, the academic director of Israel's National Library, agreed that the prayer book could be the most ancient Hebrew codex known to exist, though he said there is another contender in Germany.

"I have no doubt it's an important thing," Shammai said. "We don't have very ancient examples of Jewish codexes."

But Aviad Stollman, curator of the National Library's Judaica collection, said he is not convinced Green's donation is from the ninth century, or that it is even an ancient codex or Jewish prayer book. He said the manuscript needed further research to shed light on its authenticity.

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Cracking the codex

A codex is a manuscript bound in book form with writing on both sides of page.

- Until the fifth or sixth century, Hebrew documents were written on parchment scrolls, so a codex represents a big step forward in the history of manuscripts.



Scientists feel the heat in Hawaii as they monitor lava

Geologists from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory survey the lava flow from the Kilauea volcano in Pahoa, Hawaii earlier this week. Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory have been monitoring every twist and turn of lava creeping unpredictably toward communities in a rural and isolated district on the Big Island. Their work can be dangerous and includes frequent flyovers in a helicopter, navigating precarious terrain and taking careful data measurements to give the public an accurate picture of the lava's progress. "To do that you have to walk across a lava tube, and that's fairly hazardous work," said Janet Babb, the observatory's spokeswoman. U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Mexican cops crack down on looting after hurricane

Los Cabos. Residents of resort area worried about lawlessness after storm knocks out power and running water

Federal police on Thursday vowed to crack down on lawlessness and restore order in the hurricane-stricken Mexican resort area of Los Cabos, after looting emptied stores and unnerved residents who worried their homes could be next.

Enrique Galindo, national commissioner of the Federal Police, said seven people, two of whom were carrying firearms, were detained on suspicion of attempted looting. He said police would enforce the law aggressively.

There were reports of gunfire overnight, and residents in Los Cabos lit large bonfires to try to protect their neighbourhoods, as they faced a fourth day without power or running water following the Hurricane Odile.

Police announced they would stop and question anyone on the streets after nightfall to make sure they had legitimate business at that hour.

"The problem is no longer the hurricane," resident David Garcia said in a radio interview. "Everything started with the looting."

Los Cabos' heavily damaged international airport was being powered by an emergency generator from the Federal Electricity Commission, or CFE. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Not even eight hours had passed since the hurricane before people started destroying stores."
Los Cabos resident David Garcia



People wait in line to fill jugs and bottles with fuel at a gas station in Los Cabos, Mexico, on Thursday. After Hurricane Odile, residents of the resort state of Baja California Sur struggled with a lack of power and running water and formed long lines for emergency supplies. DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California. Thousands forced from homes by rapid growth of wildfire

An out-of-control wildfire that has forced nearly 2,800 people from their homes in Northern California showed explosive growth, consuming tens of thousands of additional acres, fire officials said Thursday.

The fire east of Sacramento had burned through 287 square kilometres, up from 114 square kilometres on Wednesday, as winds surged to 40 kilometres per hour and continued to fuel its rapid expansion throughout the night, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Low humidity and steep terrain also have hampered the firefight, officials said.

"This fire is definitely eye-opening," Cal Fire spokeswoman Alyssa Smith said.

Many of the more than 2,000 threatened homes were in Pollock Pines, 100 kilometres east of Sacramento, the state capital. Though the fire grew substantially late Wednesday, it burned mostly into wilderness land in the El Dorado National Forest away from the town, according to Cal Fire.

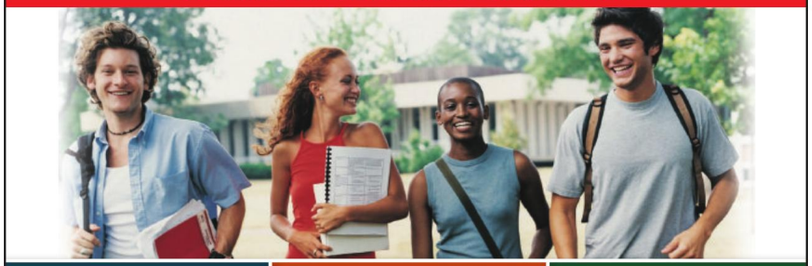
The blaze was burning about 30 kilometres from Desolation Wilderness, a popular hiking area south of Lake Tahoe.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency late Wednesday, freeing up funds for the two fires. Brown also had secured federal grants to fight each of them.

Rain was possible in the area Thursday, though more gusty, erratic winds also were expected, and there was a chance of lightning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fuel for the fire

The blaze, which began on Saturday, has been fuelled by heavy timber and grass that is extremely dry because of California's third straight year of drought.

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Tibetan protesters clash with Indian police in New Delhi

Indian police detain Tibetan youth activists during a protest on Thursday to highlight Chinese control over Tibet, outside the Hyderbad House in New Delhi, India. Several protests organized by exiled Tibetans were held in nationwide in India on occasion of the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to the country. TSERING TOPGYAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Police make arrests in bomb attack

Chilean officials said Thursday they have arrested three members of an anarchist cell suspected in the country's worst bomb attack in more than two decades, focusing new attention on a loose-knit movement that has attracted thousands.

One of the suspects is believed to have carried out the attack while two others were accomplices, said Interior and Security Minister Rodrigo Penailillo, who did not release their names.

The explosion on Sept. 8 scattered shrapnel across an underground shopping area, injuring 14 people and shocking Chileans who until then had grown uneasily accustomed to small, nighttime bombs that caused little damage.

A declaration published on an anarchist website in the name of a faction of the "Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire" claimed responsibility for the attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philadelphia

Murder suspect wears 'Crime Pays' T-shirt to court

A Philadelphia judge wants to know why a murder suspect appeared in court in a T-shirt that read, "Crime Pays."

Jeremiah Jakson, 22, is charged with strangling an art school graduate staying in the same boarding house.

Prosecutors believe Jakson killed 23-year-old Laura Araujo in July in order to steal her laptop and bank card. They say he then stuffed her body in a duffel bag and torched her vehicle.

Jakson told Municipal Court Judge Teresa Carr Deni at Wednesday's preliminary hearing that he was given the shirt in jail and had nothing else to wear.

The judge has asked his lawyer to investigate, and upheld murder, arson and other charges against Jakson. Relatives say Araujo had a fashion degree and volunteered teaching English. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muslim scholar in China says teachings were not separatist

Uighur. Ilham Tohti's writings and lectures are being used as evidence that the scholar advocated separatism

Trial in China

The scholar's supporters say he is a moderate who has sought a middle road in resolving the region's tensions.

A prominent Muslim Uighur scholar being tried on separatism charges told a court in far western China on Thursday that he never advocated the overthrow of Chinese rule in his native Xinjiang, according to his lawyer.

Attorney Liu Xiaoyuan said government critic and former Beijing economics professor Ilham Tohti addressed the court for about 90 minutes on Thursday afternoon before the two-day trial ended. There was no immediate verdict.

Liu said the scholar asked that his trial be moved to Beijing where he lived and taught, and if it stayed in Urumqi, Xinjiang's regional capital, that the court deliberate in a fair manner.

The attorney said prosecutors told the court that Ilham Tohti's writings and classroom lectures were evidence that he had fomented ethnic hatred in Xinjiang. Tensions between the minority Uighur population and the majority Han Chinese have exploded into violence.

"He didn't organize any activity advocating the country's separation," Liu said outside the Urumqi People's Intermediate Court.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing issued a statement on Thursday calling for Tohti's release.

"His arrest silenced an important Uighur voice that peacefully promoted harmony and understanding among China's ethnic groups particularly Uighurs," the embassy said.

Separatism carries punishments up to death. Another of his attorneys, Li Fangping, said he expects Tohti will face from 10 years to life in prison.

Li said prosecutors on Wednesday cited Tohti's online articles about Uighur rights, education and Christianity. They also quoted comments he made to the typically ethnic minority students who took his classes at Beijing's Minzu University, including his strong emphasis on proclaiming Uighurs to be distinct from the Han majority, Li said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Volunteers in Sierra Leone will search homes for Ebola victims afraid or unable to seek treatment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nation shut down as search begins for Ebola victims

Sierra Leone. Health officials fear patients are hiding out at home, infecting others

Shoppers in Sierra Leone rushed to stock food Thursday ahead of a three-day nationwide shutdown, during which the country's 6 million people will be confined to their homes while volunteers search house-to-house for Ebola victims in hiding and hand out soap in a bid to slow the accelerating outbreak.

The disease sweeping West Africa has also touched Liberia, Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal and is believed to have sickened more than 5,300 people, the World Health Organization reported. In a sign the crisis is picking up steam, more than 700 of those cases were recorded in the last week for which data is available.

Ebola is estimated to have killed more than 2,600 people, with most of the deaths in Liberia. But WHO has said the official toll is probably a gross underestimate and that most patients are at home, infecting others, when they should be in treatment centres.

The UN Security Council was scheduled to discuss the crisis later Thursday.

During the lockdown, which was set to begin at midnight Thursday and run through Sunday, volunteers will try to identify sick people reluctant or unable to seek treatment. They will also hand out 1.5 million bars of soap and deliver information on how to prevent Ebola.

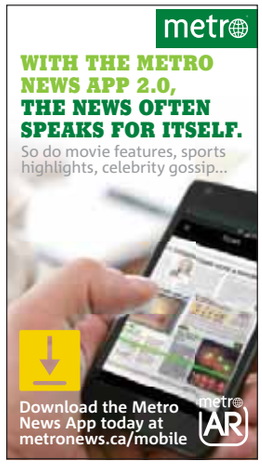
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Worldwide threat

The UN Security Council is calling the Ebola outbreak "a threat to international peace and security" and is urging all countries to provide health experts, field hospitals and medical supplies to combat the disease.

- **Guinea.** Seven bodies were found in rural Guinea after residents attacked health workers carrying out Ebola awareness efforts.







metro AR **Toronto Mayor Rob Ford released a recorded message Thursday thanking his well-wishers. Ford was diagnosed Wednesday with malignant liposarcoma, a type of cancer that arises from fat cells and can attack a variety of soft tissues. He withdrew his candidacy for re-election as mayor last week, opting to run as a councillor in the same ward he had represented for a decade before being elected to the top job in 2010. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to listen to the statement.** ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'I will beat this,' Rob Ford vows

Audio message from hospital bed.
Toronto's mayor thanks well-wishers but also stumps for brother who replaced him in mayoral race

A frail-sounding Rob Ford implored Toronto voters from his hospital bed Thursday to elect his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, to succeed him, just hours before starting chemotherapy for a rare and aggressive cancer that forced him to drop out of the mayoral race.

In a recorded three-minute statement released by his brother's campaign team, a gravelly-voiced Ford first thanked well-wishers, saying their support meant the world to him and his family.

"With the love and support of my family, my friends, and the people of Toronto, I will beat this," he added. "I am determined to face this head-on and return strong for my family and for my city."

Ford was diagnosed Wednesday with malignant liposarcoma, a type of cancer that arises from fat cells and can attack a variety of soft tissues. His doctor said he will be undergoing two rounds of chemotherapy before they determine the next step in his treatment.

His brother entered the mayoral race after Ford withdrew his bid for re-election last Friday.

One expert was skeptical that the ill mayor's endorsement of his brother will boost support even among Ford's followers.

"I just don't think that we can expect that all those people are going to listen to that and move over, because their connection with Rob was an emotional connection," said Henry Jacek, a political science professor at Hamilton's McMaster University.

Ford's recording is not unlike the public letter former federal NDP leader Jack Layton penned on his death bed in 2011, he said.

"Some people, for whom politics is so terribly important, they feel so strongly about (it), they're delivering that political message right to the very, very end," Jacek said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Missing women

Bones found near Red River are from an animal: Police

Winnipeg police say bones found by volunteers searching the Red River are not human.

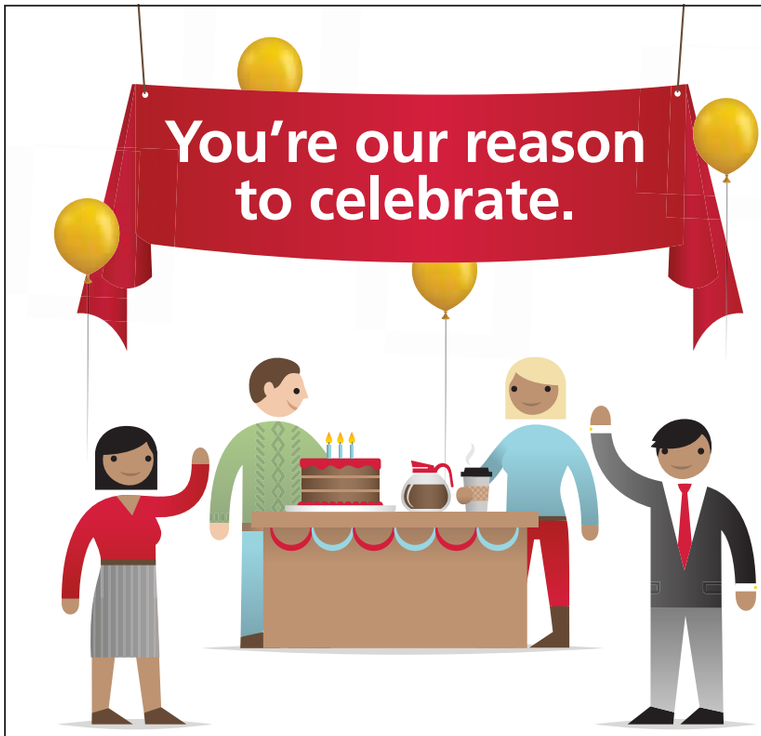
Police said on Twitter that a forensic analysis by pathologists has confirmed the bones are from an animal.

Volunteers searching the banks of the Red River came across the bones earlier this week.

The group is combing the shoreline and dragging the bottom of the river, searching for clues about the fate of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

A blood-splattered pillowcase, a bloody rug and a set of dentures have also been turned over to police.

The group formed after the discovery of the body of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine last month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Canadian Museum for Human Rights set to open in Winnipeg

This weekend.
Brainchild of Izzy Asper comes to light after years of fundraising and controversy



SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

After 14 years of work, Canada's first national museum outside of Ottawa — the Canadian Museum for Human Rights — is set to open in Winnipeg this weekend.

First envisioned by the late Winnipeg-based media magnate and philanthropist Izzy Asper in 2000, the 260,000-square-foot museum will open its doors to the public for the first time Saturday following an opening ceremony Friday.

"People have been working so hard, they're so passionate and I think we realize what we have here — we're a little like a kid before Christmas," said museum spokeswoman Angela Cassie this week about finally opening the museum. "After all this work, having people coming through and experiencing the exhibits is an amazing feeling for all of us."

The $351-million museum, which sits at the historic confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers at The Forks in Winnipeg, has 47,000-square-feet of exhibit space and interactive galleries delving into everything from the Holocaust and war atrocities to the high and low points of Canada's own human rights record.

The museum has been a lightning rod for controversy during its development, with several cultural groups complaining human rights violations they've suffered are either absent from the exhibits, or glazed over.

"For a human rights museum, that is to be expected," Cassie said of the complaints and protests expected for the opening weekend. "We will work together with organizations that have concerns, and allow that to update and inform how we update and renew our exhibits and public programming."

The public will be able to take guided tours of four of the museum's galleries this weekend, and all exhibits — including the building's iconic glass Tower of Hope — are set to open Sept. 27.



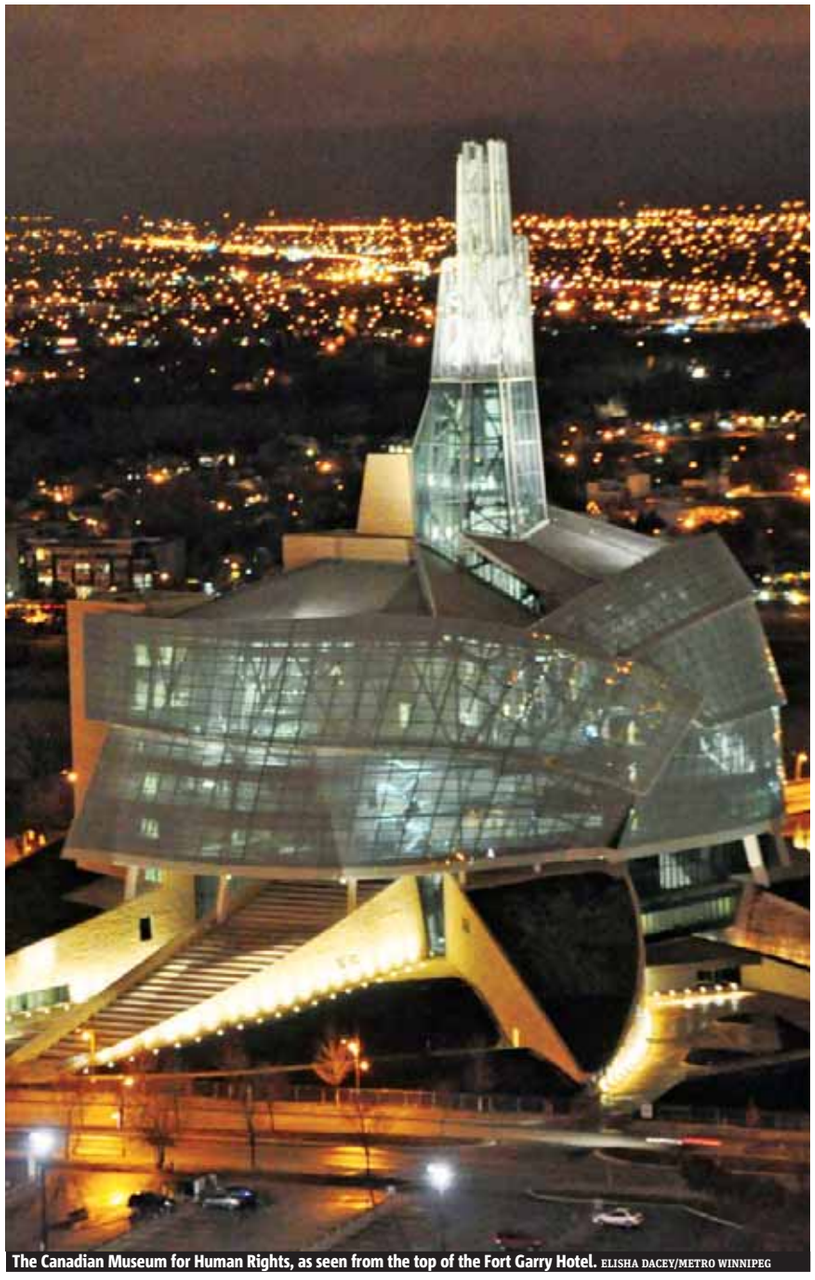
The museum is criss-crossed by several ramps leading to various galleries.
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Office spaces looking down into the main floor of the museum.
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Design

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights' unique glass and stone facade is designed by architect Antoine Predock and was inspired by Canadian landscapes like the prairie sky, the northern lights and snow and ice.



The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, as seen from the top of the Fort Garry Hotel. ELISHA DACEY/METRO WINNIPEG

Timeline

A look at the long, sometimes bumpy road to the opening of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights:

July, 2000: Winnipeg media magnate and philanthropist Izzy Asper pitches to the federal government the idea of a "tolerance" museum in Winnipeg.

April, 2003: The Asper family, federal government, province and city announce plans for a $200-million human rights museum. The feds' initial commitment is $30 million.

Oct. 7, 2003: Izzy Asper dies. His daughter Gail Asper becomes the driving force behind the museum project.

Jan., 2006: While donations pour in, The Asper Foundation puts up another $12 million for capital costs. Opening is pushed from 2008 to 2010.

Dec., 2008: The federal government essentially takes over. The price tag is now $265 million. The feds kick in $100 million, plus annual operating costs of $21 million.

July, 2009: Construction gets underway, but inflation and other factors drive up the projected cost to $310 million.

Nov., 2013: Exterior construction nears completion. An opening date of Sept. 19, 2014, is announced. The price tag has grown to $351 million.

Sept., 2014: Workers rush to finish the first four galleries in time for the grand opening. As of press deadline, it's unknown if they will finish on time.



A crew of a whaling ship check a whaling gun or harpoon before departure at Ayukawa port in Ishinomaki City. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Japan prepares to resume Antarctic whaling next year

Move criticized.
Even though an international whaling conference voted against it, Japan is going to resume the practice

An international whaling conference voted Thursday against Japan's highly criticized plans to resume whaling in the Antarctic next year, but Japan vowed to go ahead anyway.

A resolution adopted at the International Whaling Commission meeting in Portoroz, Slovenia, said Japan should abide by the International Court of Justice's ruling that its whaling program is illegal because it isn't for research purposes.

Immediately after the resolution was adopted by a 35-20 vote, Japan announced it will launch a new "research" program that will resume hunting in the Antarctic in 2015. The UN court ruling said some "scientific" whaling is allowed under very strict conditions, which Japan said it would meet.

"We will be providing and submitting a new research plan in the Antarctic Ocean so that we implement research activities starting from 2015," said Joji Morishita, head of Japan's delegation. "And all these activities are perfectly in accordance with international law, scientific basis as well as the ICJ judgment."

Approval from the commission's scientific committee isn't mandatory, but Japan's resumption of Antarctic whaling without the body's specific consent after a one-year pause would likely face intense scrutiny. Japanese boats caught 252 minke whales in the Southern Oceans in 2013, according to the IWC figures.

Australia led the opposition. Many conference member countries believe Japan's whaling program is not for research, but commercial purposes — producing meat and oil.

Animal protection groups welcomed the passage of the resolution, but denounced Japan's decision to ignore it.

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Trial

Arab Bank execs didn't support terrorism: Lawyer

A defence lawyer has told a U.S. jury that executives at Jordan-based Arab Bank aren't liable for a series of suicide bombings that killed Americans in Israel in the early 2000s.

Attorney Shand Stephens said on Thursday that there is no proof any of the executives supported terrorism.

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Canadian study

Primetime TV? It's more like primetime Netflix

When Canadians jump on the Internet during prime-time evening hours it's increasingly because they want to stream something on Netflix, suggests Waterloo, Ont.-based networking company Sandvine.

An analysis of downloading traffic during evenings in Canada found that 30 to 40 per cent of the data consumed was usually linked to Netflix streams, which was higher than any other Internet activity.

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Got a bag? That'll be $25. Air Canada latest airline to charge for first checked bag

Air Canada, as expected, is joining rival WestJet Airlines in charging passengers a fee to check their first bag on domestic flights as the two airlines also finalize plans to introduce other ancillary fees in a move to boost revenue.

The new fee being charged by Air Canada applies to passengers booking the airline's lowest economy class Tango fares as of Thursday for flights beginning Nov. 2. It applies to flights within Canada and to the Caribbean and Mexico.

The Montreal-based airline has charged for a traveller's first checked bag on U.S. routes since 2011.

The country's largest airline said the fee was being introduced domestically to align it "with prevailing North American industry practices."

"We're matching the market," chief financial officer Michael Rousseau told a CIBC investor conference in Montreal.

Earlier this week, Calgary-based WestJet announced a fee, ranging between $25 and $29.50 depending on provincial taxes, for a first checked bag for some economy class customers on flights within Canada and to the United States, but not to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and Europe. Industry observers had expected Air Canada to add the fee which, the airline says, will affect about 20 per cent of passengers on domestic flights.

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'Transparency report'. Telus got 103,500 requests for customers' info in 2013

Telus Corp.'s first "transparency" report reveals that the Vancouver-based telecom company received about 103,500 official requests for information about its customers last year.

A majority of the requests — nearly 56,800 — were in emergency situations, such as to verify the location of 911 callers and another 40,900 requests were for names and addresses that are publicly available through directories.

Telus also received about 4,300 court-ordered requests in 2013, mostly as part of domestic police investigations, but also two foreign requests made under Canada's treaty obligations.

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GREAT SCOTS! WHAT A WEEK IT'S BEEN

It's time for the Metro List, your surefire guide to the hottest stories of the week.



THE LIST

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1 Scotland the Brave. By the time you read this, lassies and laddies, you'll know if Scotland has chosen to go it alone. It will require a wee dram of courage because even the Bank of Scotland says it will move to London if the Yes side wins.

2 Rob Ford vs. Liposarcoma. His Worship the Mayor of Toronto goes mano a mano with a rare and aggressive form of cancer featuring a tumour that's bigger than a baseball. I don't know about you, but I'm not going to bet against Rob Ford, whatever he's up against.

3 Time to Lose the Baggage. After this week, more and more Canadians will be travelling light, as first WestJet and then Air Canada add a $25 baggage handling charge for checked bags in economy class. How long before they start charging you for that 50-pound suitcase you're trying to stuff in the overhead?

4 Fly Me to the Moon. Well, not quite, but NASA has commissioned Boeing and SpaceX to be the first private companies to transport humans in space. The first destination will be ISS, the International Space Station, sometime in 2017. The good news: NASA will no longer have to pay the Russians $71 million per flight. But you have to wonder how much Boeing will charge for checked baggage.

5 Worm in the Apple? Apple CEO Tim Cook puts his cool clothes on and unveils a fall crop of devices, including an iWatch that's even better than Superman's wrist communicator. The problem is that on every front, Android was there first. Stay tuned for more smug commercials that take a bite out of Apple.

6 Gridiron Violence, Si! Domestic Violence, No! The NFL is learning a hard lesson this week. When you encourage young men to beat the crap out of each other for millions of dollars, you shouldn't be surprised when some of them take their work home. Somehow, it has come as a collective shock to the system that it's not OK to knock your wife out or beat your little boy until he's bloody. Are you ready for some football, or is it enough, already?

7 War on Terror 2.0. Meanwhile, there's a war going on. I think. US president Barack Obama has kinda declared war on ISIS, the latest nasty terrorist nightmare. But it's hardly shock and awe. More like this and that. The U.S. will train Arab armies to fight on the ground, while sending in airstrikes. The object seems to be to make an omelette without breaking any American eggs. Good luck with that.

The War on Bees?



A bee works on a honeycomb at a California apiary in Los Banos in July. RCMP in Brandon, Man., are investigating a recent report that bees were poisoned in the region. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RCMP investigate report that thousands of bees may have been poisoned

RCMP in Brandon, Man., are investigating a report that thousands of honey bees have been poisoned in the region recently.

Mounties say in a news release that two locations northwest of Brandon in the rural municipality of Elton are involved. They allege that poisonings are believed to have happened between Aug. 14 and Sept. 3. Mounties say the bee producers have suffered a substantial financial loss.

Dwindling bee populations have been an increasing concern in the agricultural community, though generally not because of any criminal action. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough times

In recent years, bee populations worldwide have been ravaged by pesticides, parasites and Colony Collapse Disorder, a mysterious phenomenon in which worker bees suddenly disappear.

- **California.** A record drought has reduced honey supplies, raising prices and making it harder for beekeepers to earn a living.
- **Ontario.** A proposed class-action lawsuit has been launched against two chemical companies that make pesticides widely blamed for massive bee deaths.

MetroTube

The death and glorious afterlife of a cucumber



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@SDGreenall: I once woke up with a roast beef sandwich and I was COVERED in mustard!

@bealangi: Woke up with a half eaten, half cooked fried egg sandwich all over me. In my kitchen. I fell asleep at a friend's.

@Shane_Pigeon: Parked car in middle of local skating rink. Clothes folded neatly outside car. Phone in shoe. #Buttnaked.

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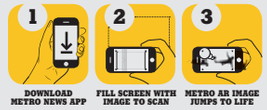
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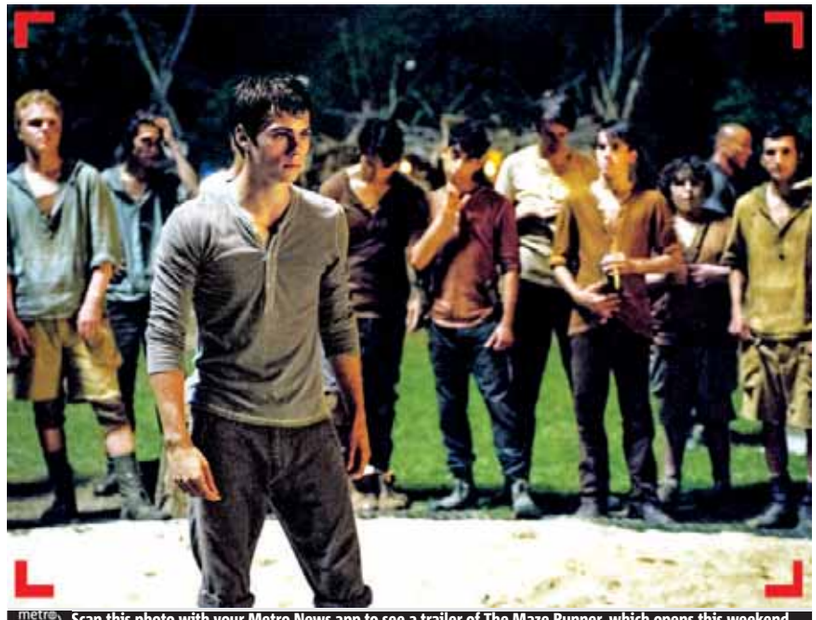
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Film is running on empty

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN





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The Maze Runner.
Characters spend more time talking about the forbidden labyrinth than actually seeking their way around it

Richard: Mark, the story in The Maze Runner is based on a dare. When Thomas is dropped into a mysterious walled world where a society of boys have grown up in the shadow of a giant labyrinth, he is told, "Don't go in the maze."

Of course he does, because that's like telling a teen, "Don't go through that door," in a horror flick. Based on a series of wildly popular young adult books — so yes, you can look forward to The Maze Runner 2: Electric Boogaloo coming soon to a theatre near you — and the immediacy of the story serves it well ... to a point.

It's a good set-up that turns into a becomes a standard 3D sci-fi chase flick.

What did you think?

Mark: Richard, it was dull, dull, dull, interrupted by the occasional exciting scene but it played like a dumbed-down version of Lost for paranoid teens.

Yes, the set-up is good, but so little time is actually spent in the maze, and there's too much time talking about it.

The dialogue is mostly exposition, the acting is functional at best, and although it's cut from the same cloth as The Hunger Games, it doesn't have any of its bite.

It's no spoiler alert to reveal that some will survive, and the big reveal is laughable in the way it shills for the inevitable sequel.

RC: I liked it way more than you. I liked that the characters are cyphers with no knowledge of their pasts, so they have to create personas based on their abilities in the camp.

That way, unlike most original stores, we don't have to spend much time getting to know the characters, where they came from, or what their inner torment is.

They don't know and neither do we.

Instead they concentrate on the present — their present — and survival. Imagine if the reality show Survivor was set in a world surrounded by an impenetrable maze and the only way to get voted off the island was to be eaten by a giant, mechanical Griever beast.

MB: Actually, that's a pretty good description of Survivor. Mazes intrigue me, and so do mad scientists. You'd think the combination would work here, but it just didn't for me. I preferred Cube and even the much-maligned The Village as riffs on the same topic.

Of course, you could see the movie as a metaphor for a cruel deity's continuous test of the human race, but... naaaaah. And I really wanted a more shocking ending.

RC: I think there will be more thrills should the next part of the series ever get made.

The first movie is just the foreplay.

MB: Foreplay perhaps, but with cold fingers and bad breath.

Synopsis

Based on a series of wildly popular young adult books, The Maze Runner sees Thomas, played by Teen Wolf's Dylan O'Brien, plopped into a community of young men surrounded by a labyrinth. The rebellious Thomas wants to see if there is a way to navigate through the ever-changing maze that stands between the boys and whatever is happening in the outside world. When a girl, played by Kaya Scodelario, arrives with a note clutched in her hand, ("She is the last one,") it seems like the time has come to take on the maze and hopefully avoid being eaten by its evil guardians, the Grievers.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Mark:** ●●○○○

SCENE



Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com. **Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

Comedy



Dr. Cabbie

Director. Jean-François Pouliot

Stars. Kunal Nayyar, Vinay Virmani

An unemployed immigrant doctor-turned-cab driver becomes a local hero when he converts his taxi into a mobile clinic.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** + 80%

Drama/Action



A Walk Among The Tombstones

Director. Scott Frank

Stars. Liam Neeson, Dan Stevens

A Walk Among the Tombstones stars Liam Neeson as Matt Scudder, an ex-NYPD cop who now works as an unlicensed private investigator. When Scudder reluctantly agrees to help a heroin trafficker (Dan Stevens) hunt down the men who kidnapped and murdered his wife, the PI learns this is not the first time these men have committed this sort of twisted crime... nor will it be the last.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** + 97%

Comedy



This Is Where I Leave You

Director. Shawn Levy

Stars. Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, Jane Fonda

The dramatic comedy This is Where I Leave You is directed by Shawn Levy, and based on the hilarious and poignant best-selling novel by Jonathan Tropper. It features a starring ensemble cast including Jason Bateman, Tina Fey and Jane Fonda.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 40% **Audience:** + 96%

Mystery



The Captive

Director. Atom Egoyan

Stars. Ryan Reynolds, Mireille Enos

Years after his young daughter vanished without a trace from the back seat of his truck, a father receives newfound hope that she is alive and being held in captivity in this drama from Academy Award-nominated director Atom Egoyan. Matthew (Ryan Reynolds) and Tina (Mireille Enos) were a happy couple before their daughter Cassandra was taken from them. In the aftermath of the tragedy, their relationship began to dissolve.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 19% **Audience:** + 92%

Sci-Fi & Fantasy



The Congress

Director. Ari Folman

Stars. Robin Wright, Harvey Keitel

More than two decades after catapulting to stardom with The Princess Bride, an aging actress (Robin Wright, playing a version of herself) decides to take her final job: preserving her digital likeness for a future Hollywood. Through a deal brokered by her loyal, longtime agent (Harvey Keitel) and the head of Miramount Studios (Danny Huston), her alias will be controlled by the studio.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 85% **Audience:** + 90%

Mystery/Suspense



As Above, So Below

Director. John Erick Dowdle

Stars. Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman

Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. A journey into madness and terror, As Above, So Below reaches deep into the human psyche to reveal the personal demons that come back to haunt us all.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 28% **Audience:** 44%

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Pondering the pursuit of happiness



Simon Pegg stars in Hector and the Search for Happiness, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Simon Pegg. Actor's latest role has him reflecting on cynicism, psychiatry and the malaise of modern Western civilization



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Simon Pegg goes all out in Hector and the Search for Happiness as the titular psychiatrist stymied by modern life who embarks on a globe-trotting trip to get in touch with his inner child.

To hear Pegg tell it, how you respond to the film says a lot about you.

I totally fell for this film, but then I'm a total sap.
Well, one person's sap is another person's ... emotionally open person. There's nothing wrong with giving yourself over to something. It's easy to be cynical and dismiss something that's arguably sentimental as being frivolous, but I don't think that's true. I think the message of this film is a little bit more sophisticated than just schmaltz. It's about getting in touch with a childlike wonder and accessing your own happiness through that.

I found a lot of the British critics were like, "Oh no, this is terribly ... no, thank you."

That's the British critic accent?
It is! "Oh no, we don't like this. Too, too, too rough, too emotional." I get why, but if you're fundamentally unhappy, this film will shine quite a bright light on that, whereas if you have a capacity to be happy you'll come out of it going, "Yeah, man!"

At one point Hector gets very down on his profession of psychiatry because many of his patients treat it as a luxury item, but that's not the whole of that field.
I totally agree that in psychiatry you can help people to address issues that they have that might damage their lives, but at the same time when you don't have to worry about survival, when you don't have to worry about finding your next meal or living through the night, you have time to start thinking about stuff like that, and that's when you start questioning your happiness. There is a certain numbness to modern living for us in affluent society where we have so much choice and we're so looked after, pandered to, offered so much stuff that's supposed to make us happy that we completely lose sight of what it means. Whereas if you spent yesterday avoiding being shot and you know that today you're not going to get shot, your happiness would be so much more real and identifiable and easier to understand. That's not advocating not getting shot as being a way of being happy, mind you.

I don't know, I could recommend not getting shot as a way to be happy.
I could certainly recommend that just purely as a survival method.

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Coming of age a little bit later in life

My Old Lady.
Kevin Kline plays a man forced to confront his demons after his estranged father dies and leaves him an interesting situation

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When Kevin Kline agreed to play the lead role in playwright-turned-director Israel Horovitz's My Old Lady — the 66-year-old star had a curious motivation to accept the part.

"As one ages, there are fewer and fewer roles where you get the girl," said Kline during a recent interview at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"Usually you're the old professor or the father (and) your son gets the girl and I have to give him my blessing and I get to die."

A witty light comedy, My Old Lady casts cordial Kline as a contemptuous American who gets a surprise when the Parisian apartment his estranged father willed to him comes with a string — namely a longtime, nonagenarian tenant (Maggie Smith) who has no intention of leaving.

"I just hadn't read anything like it and I thought there was something very true in the character," explained Kline whose most frequent films, include Last Vegas and No Strings Attached.

"All the characters were people that one could recognize — they weren't superheroes or super anything."

In fact, Kline (who is famously known as "Kevin DeKline" for his reluctance in choosing films) was drawn more to the character's depth and the simple psychological ties to his past. As he attempts to eject his retired renter, he begins to learn more about his estranged father and must face his conflicted childhood.

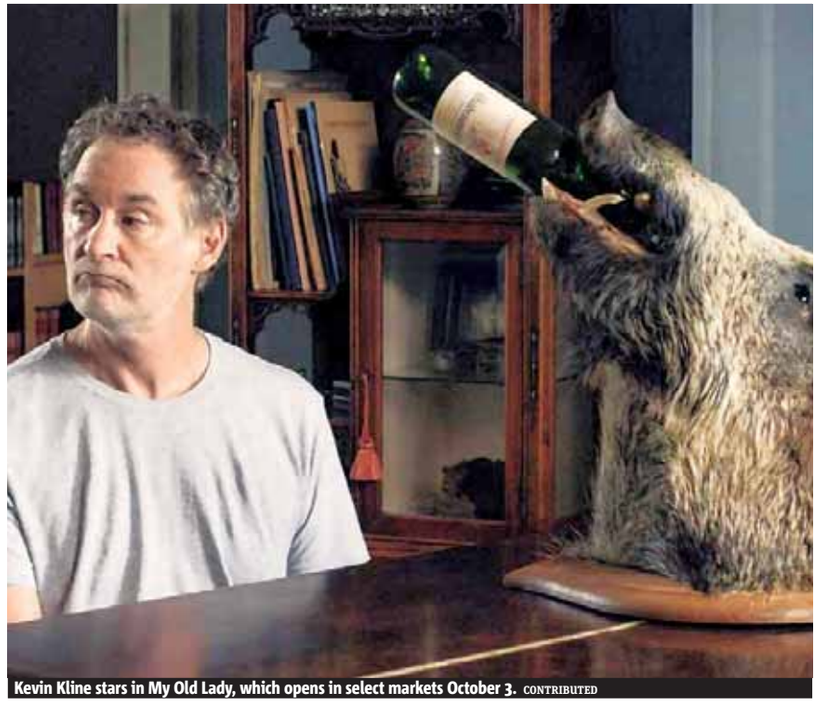
Love keeps him going

- **Kevin Kline on his longevity in Hollywood.** "I don't live in Hollywood. I attribute it all to my wife, who is great," said Kline, referring to spouse Phoebe Cates of Fast Times at Ridgemont High fame. "Great — such an underused word."

"It's about quite a bit more than just damaged people," said Kline.

"(Director) Israel (Horovitz) has taken this failure and placed him in this alien place where he's got to find himself as we all do when we're put in some foreign locale.

"He's also trying to find his footing in life and his father seems to have thrown a real curveball at him … so there's a lot going on — it's kind of a coming-of-age movie, it's about childhood and really growing up."



Kevin Kline stars in My Old Lady, which opens in select markets October 3. CONTRIBUTED



Dan Stevens and his twisted sense of humour

The Guest. Actor jumped at the chance to star in a thriller



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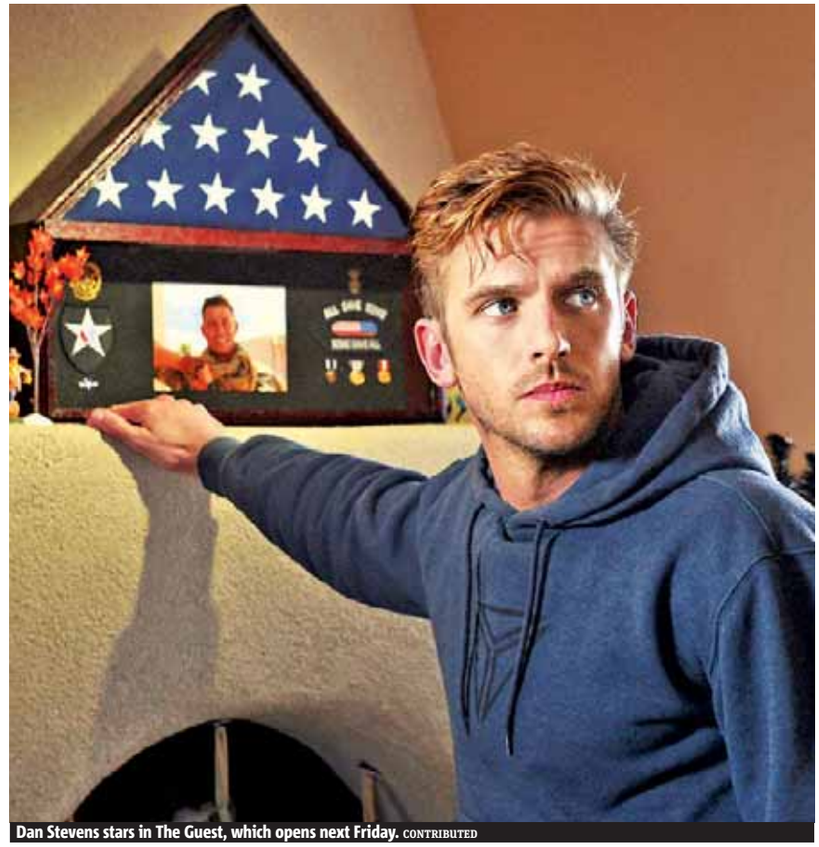
Dan Stevens wanted a change and he certainly got one. After quickly developing a devoted fan base as Matthew Crawley on Downton Abbey, the 32-year-old actor was eager to shake things up. This week finds him as a vet with a deadly secret in The Guest and a troubled drug kingpin alongside Liam Neeson in A Walk Among the Tombstones. So ... pretty different.

I saw this film yesterday and ... holy crap.
That's a great response. I hope that's a good "holy crap."

How on earth was this movie pitched to you?
The funny thing was, it was never really pitched. I'd tried to sort of put the word out there that I was looking for something different, and I got sent this script. I'd recently seen You're Next, and I just really wanted to meet the crazy guys who'd made that film. When I sat down with (director) Adam (Wingard) it was very quickly established that we had the same twisted kind of sense of humour, but also the same desire to entertain. And as soon as we realized that we both really passionately loved the movie Big Trouble in Little China, we knew we were off to a good start.

A classic, to be sure.
One of the many things we like about that film, particularly for me as an actor, is just that the amount of fun that Kurt Russell looks like he's having is kind of infectious as a performer. I think we were looking to capture some of that passion and enthusiasm. Growing up in England, we were steeped in American action thrillers and horror movies, and it's a kind of film that they don't really make in England. There's kind of a nod to it in Simon Pegg and Nick Frost's film Hot Fuzz, where they acknowledge that as Brit fanboys, we don't get to make those kinds of movies.

Something happened in the last 10 years or so where everyone decided action movies had to be serious.
Right. It's interesting to watch these cinematic shifts in terms of how we approach things like violence. But there's very much a kind of tongue-in-cheek attitude to The Guest. And something I was keen to explore is how you inject character and humour into an action film, something that always used to happen in '80s and '90s action thrillers. And I kind of missed that.



Dan Stevens stars in The Guest, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED



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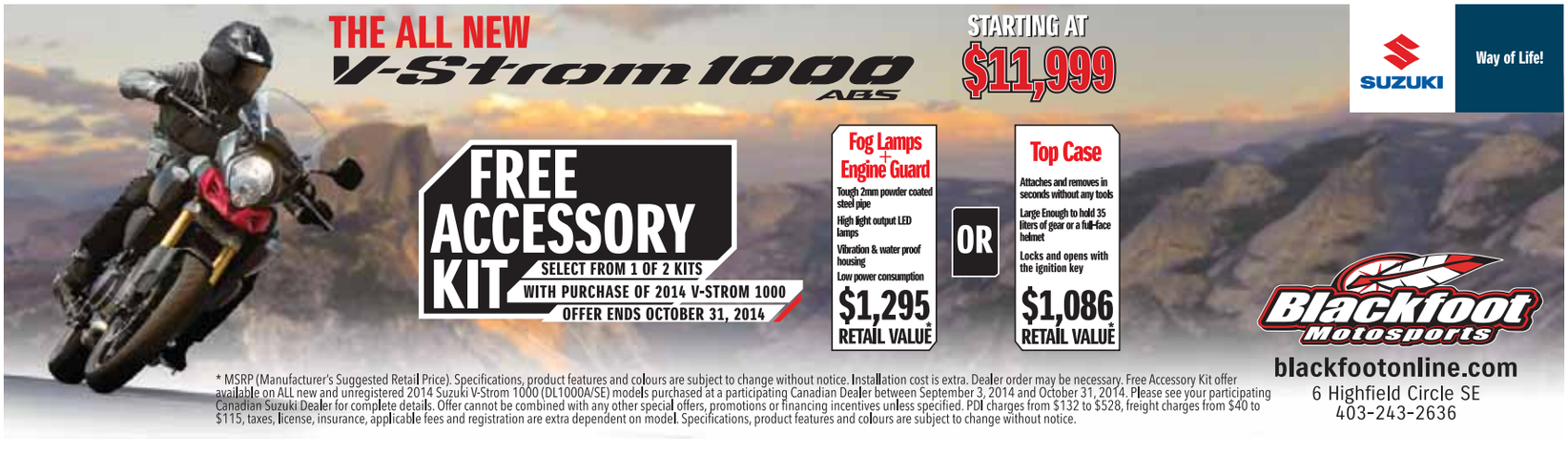
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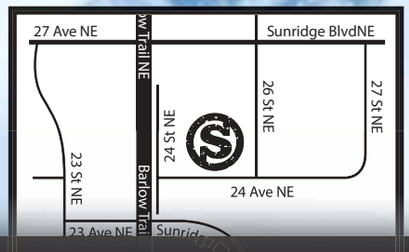
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More than 'Batman without Batman'

Gotham. Inhabiting Batman's universe is a kick for series star Ben McKenzie — even if he won't grow up to be Gary Oldman

A one-sentence summary of the gloomy new comic book-based series Gotham doubles as its chief criticism: It's Batman without Batman.

Star Ben McKenzie knows this. He's the show's fulcrum, portraying a young Commissioner Jim Gordon when he's still just a detective paddling in seeming futility against a tide of crime and corruption. The show kicks off with Bruce Wayne still a child, about to endure the formative horror of seeing his parents murdered in front of him.

When the show was first announced, Simpsons writer Mike Scully tidily summed up the skepticism of many onlookers when he tweeted: "Can't wait to see Gotham to learn how Officer Gordon became Commissioner Gordon. Hoping for lots of test-taking and waiting for scores."

McKenzie was actually among the 600-plus who retweeted the quip, and — as he journeyed to Canada in the spring to promote the show — his eyes lit up when reminded of it. But of course, he disagrees.

"I understand the reflex of 'Batman show without Batman,'" said the chatty Texan, best-known for starring roles on The O.C. and Southland.

"But I think there's so many people who are really, really fans of the entire universe that surrounds Batman. I mean, do you go to the movies and see the (Christopher) Nolan versions only for Christian Bale's performance as Batman? No, of course not. You go to see all of these other characters, right?

"I understand the criticism," he continued, "but my short answer is, just watch it. If you don't like it, don't keep watching it, but I'm really proud of the pilot we've made ... I think people who are fans of this are, for the most part, going to lose their minds."



Ben McKenzie, left, and Donal Logue in a scene from Gotham, premiering Sept. 22. JESSICA MIGLI/FOX

For those devotees of the 75-year-old DC Comics franchise, McKenzie promises that Gotham will showcase the rogues' gallery of freaks Batman eventually goes on to fight, in variously fledgling states of villainy.

We'll learn more about Wayne, too. And McKenzie's vision for the show's eventual end would see a finally grown Wayne slip on the cape and cowl for the first time.

"(That's) hopefully a long time from now," said McKenzie, rapping his knuckles on the wooden table to keep his karma straight.

He's confident about the show's fortunes, and he's not alone. Given the show's blockbuster ties, it was earmarked early as a possible fall breakout.

Of course, Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. failed to completely ignite despite similarly lucrative associations. But that show featured a cast of characters almost totally new to viewers, whereas McKenzie stresses the familiarity of the Gotham universe.

Well, to most people. The 35-year-old actor, a University of Virginia graduate and nephew to Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Robert Schenkkan, notes with bemused wonder that he was given focus-group data in which a third of those polled hadn't heard of Batman.

"Lord knows where they pull these people from," he marvelled. "That can't possibly be. Now that I'm a part of it, I walk around, you go to the mall, you see people in Batman shirts, just walking around.

"It's just entered the lexicon. It's entered the never-ending zeitgeist."

Gotham isn't McKenzie's first entry point into the Batman universe. He actually voiced the avenging orphan in the animated film Batman: Year One, which also showcased the talents of Bryan Cranston — who just won a Tony Award for his performance in All the Way, a play, McKenzie points out, written by his uncle.

Growing up, McKenzie and his brother used to watch the arch, richly cheesy Adam West-starred '60s Batman every afternoon. And he loves Nolan's bleak, coffee-black cinematic take, in which intense Oscar nominee Gary Oldman inhabited the role of the noble police chief.

"Someone tweeted me that it's so cool you'll grow up and be Gary Oldman," McKenzie recalled. "I was like, 'Sadly, I don't think that's how it works.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Welcome to the world that inspired the Caped one's crusade

"Do you go to the movies ... only for Christian Bale's performance as Batman? No, of course not. You go to see all of these other characters, right?"

Ben McKenzie, who plays Jim Gordon in Gotham

More superhero shows

Comic books take over TV

Superheroes aren't just dominating at the multiplex — they're also flying onto the small screen, with at least four new TV series inspired by caped crusaders set to debut.

Gotham, The Flash and Marvel's Agent Carter will join the ranks of Arrow and Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. on CTV. Meanwhile Constantine, based on the DC Comics series about occult detective John Constantine, will air on Global.



Matt Ryan in Constantine. NBC

Once thought to be the realm of outsiders and nerds, comic books are now decidedly mainstream. And since they come with a built-in fan base, TV shows based on comics are a solid bet for network executives hoping to land a ratings hit.

Phil King, president of CTV programming, said in an interview during the network's spring upfronts that name recognition wasn't enough for comic book shows to last — they also have to be good.

"We already spend millions of dollars to market shows, so you want any advantage you can get where people go, 'Oh, Gotham, cool, I'll check it out.' But that only gets people in the door Episode 1. If the show isn't very good, it'll flop at No. 2 and it'll be gone by 3," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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You and Me/ You+Me

Wait: The ex-guitarist from Alexisonfire has teamed up with Pink? Yep. Meet Dallas Green and Alecia "Pink" Moore as You+Me. A 10-track album entitled Rose Ave. is coming next month. I've heard it and it's gorgeous.



Somedays/ Tess Parks

Parks' Blood Hot album was released 10 months ago, so I'm a little late to this Toronto singer's party. She's signed to Alan McGee's management company. Yes, the same guy who discovered Oasis. Best pay attention, yeah?



Match 104/ James Murphy Remix

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Video game review

Name. Destiny

For. Xbox 360/PS3/Xbox One/PS4

Rated. Teen

Destiny merges its story with its multiplayer to awkward effect. You replay the same maps where enemies re-spawn while others play their game around you. Even with Peter Dinklage (Game of Thrones) voicing your AI companion, there's little sense of adventure where your actions have consequences. The encouragement is to create your own fun with others online, and the slick interplay of guns, swords, and hoverbikes makes that worthwhile. It's fun to grind against demon-robot monsters, but it feels disconnected following Bungie's emotional, character-driven series, Halo. **KRIS ABEL**





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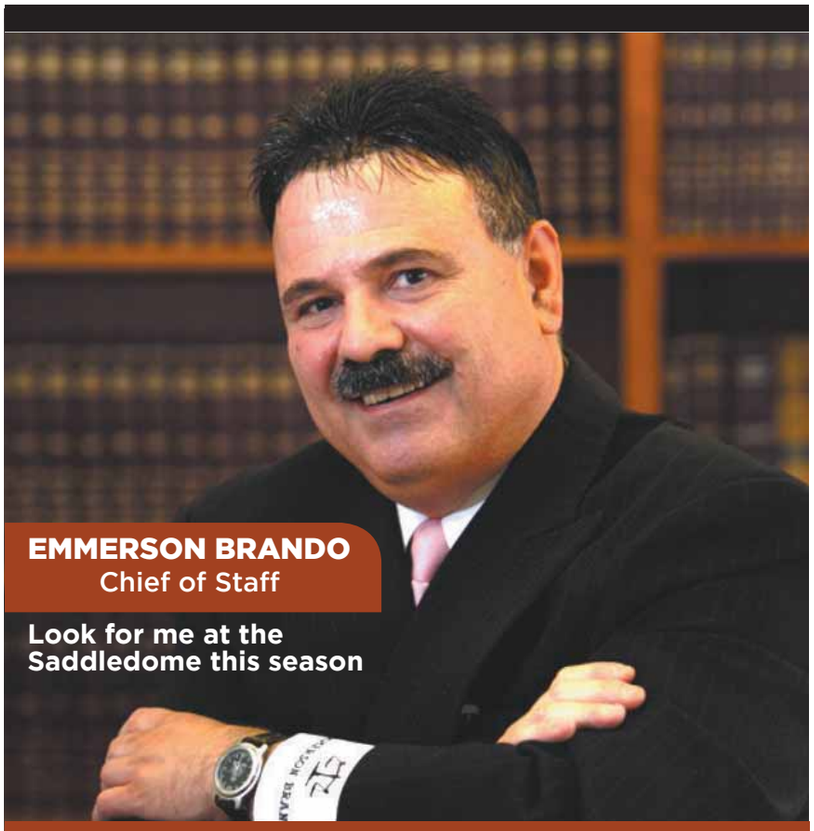
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Jeffrey Tambor plays transgender parent Maura Pfefferman in the new series Transparent. CONTRIBUTED

Amazon joins Netflix in transforming TV

Transparent. New online series about a transgender parent is generating strong critical buzz

Online retail giant Amazon is celebrating the launch of a new original show it hopes will help it catch up with streaming pioneer Netflix.

Transparent, which had a red-carpet unveiling in Los Angeles, features a transgender character in the central role of a show which has already generated strong critical buzz.

"No one can ever doubt that the TV model has changed for good. Amazon, with its ability to draw in name talent, is impressively building on what Netflix and (rival streaming service) Hulu are doing," commented the Hollywood Reporter.

"This is huge, it's a game changer. There is nothing like this on television," its main star Jeffrey Tambor said on the red carpet. "I couldn't be more proud."

It is not Amazon's first foray into producing its own original content — political comedy Alpha House debuted last year, but has so far failed to win the acclaim of Netflix series like House of Cards and Orange is the New Black.

The pilot episode of Transparent is already available, while Amazon will take a leaf out of Netflix's book by releasing the whole season on Sept. 26 to binge-watch, rather than airing weekly episodes.

The half-hour dark comedy stars the lugubrious Tambor — from Arrested Development — as father Mort Pfefferman coming out as transgender Maura to his three adult children (who have their own secrets to divulge, too).

The cast of the show, which is definitely for an adult audience, also includes Gaby Hoffman of the hit series Girls.

Adding to its creative heft, it is directed by Jill Soloway, an Emmy-nominated writer from the cult series Six Feet Under.

"Artistically, it's been a dream come true. I absolutely got to make the show I wanted to make," Soloway said, when the Amazon series was announced in August.

"I am beyond excited to share Transparent with the world through Amazon."

Transgender roles in comedies are nothing new. Orange is the new Black features Laverne Cox, who made it to the front page of Time magazine in her role as Sophia Burset. But a transgender main character is rarer, giving the series — the title of which is a play on words involving a gender-bending parent — an edge in a crowded new market.

Critics have lavished praise on what they've seen so far.

"It's a nuanced, gorgeous first half-hour, brilliantly performed and laced with melancholy and humour; you could confidently put it up against the best HBO or Showtime half-hour pilots of recent years," wrote one Time magazine reviewer.

"And the fact that platforms like Amazon now exist to give shows like this a chance says that not only Maura Pfefferman, but the TV business itself, is going through an exciting transformation." AFP

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"This is huge, it's a game changer. There is nothing like this on television."

Jeffrey Tambor, star of Transparent

First homework, then Hollywood



Niamh Wilson has been working steadily in the entertainment industry since childhood. CONTRIBUTED

Success on the screen. Up-and-coming Ontario actress set to hit the red carpet for latest film premiere

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Earlier this week, 17-year-old Oakville, Ont., native Niamh Wilson was settling in to her Grade 12 class — timetables, homework and the lot.

This weekend, in colourful contrast, she will be walking the red carpet at the Calgary International Film Festival for the North American debut of her film The Young and Prodigious T.S. Spivet. The feature was shot partly in Calgary and stars the likes of Judy Davis, Helena Bonham Carter and Canadian funnyman Rick Mercer.

"I'm going to wear a white gown and lots of decorative jewellery," says Wilson, who hasn't seen the finished film yet. In it she plays the title character's older sister, a "beauty pageant-crazed tweener," as Wilson describes it.

It's no wonder Wilson sounds far more excited than nervous — she's an experienced pro, despite her young years.

Having been signed to a talent agent since age five, Wilson has moved from commercials to regular work on the Canadian teen drama Degrassi to work on David Cronenberg's latest film, Maps to the Stars, which just played at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"I've been able to work professionally, dance, go to school — I honestly don't know how we've juggled it, but mom is so helpful in getting me through," says Wilson, who is bringing her mom, Leslie Jennings, along for the gala.

"We hope that if Niamh stays focused on the work, that will keep her grounded and let her keep on working at a craft she loves," says mother Jennings. "And that would be success."

"But being invited to the Spivet opening gala is a wonderful, exciting bonus."

A little help from my family

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Sleepy Hollow. Jones is a fan of fanfic from viewers

Orlando Jones loves Sleepy Hollow fan fiction. Although devotees sometimes stray into the risqué with their writings inspired by the supernatural series, the actor who plays Capt. Frank Irving says he enjoys reading them.

"I'm of the opinion that we are in a fantasy world. I'm playing a character that's fake and it's really exciting to see the different facets and nuances of other stories that other people want to tell."

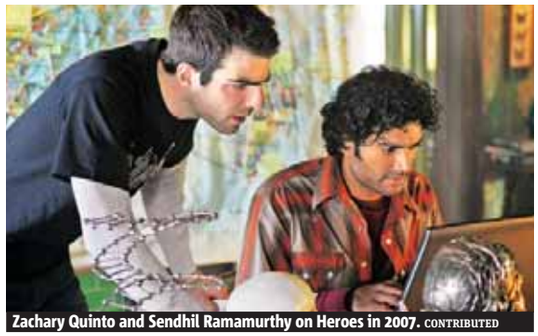
The show, which returns for a second season Monday on Global, has inspired a massive, devoted online community. Although not every viewer writes so-called fanfic, Jones does hear from them often through Twitter.

"For me, what I like about (the show) is that it's a mix of genres. It's historical. It's biblical. It's got a mythology. It's kind of funny. There's a lot of action, and then it'll scare you to death all at the same time," he said. "That mix of things to me kind of never allows me to get bored."

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Orlando Jones plays Captain Frank Irving in Sleepy Hollow. CONTRIBUTED



Zachary Quinto and Sendhil Ramamurthy on Heroes in 2007. CONTRIBUTED

Heroes Reborn. Quinto rejects role in miniseries

Zachary Quinto got his big acting break on NBC's Heroes, but he's ruling out any role in the Heroes Reborn miniseries due to air next year.

The 37-year-old actor, who's best known for his role as Spock on the 2009 Star Trek reboot, says timing is part of the problem, but that he also felt that it wasn't right for him creatively, because he's "really interested in cultivating other experiences" for himself.

Instead, he's turning his attention to mentoring two first-time filmmakers on the unscripted series The Chair, which airs on the Starz network in the U.S. In the series, the filmmakers adapt their own movie from the same screenplay. Viewers vote on which film they prefer, with $250,000 going to the winner.

There's also his production company, which executive produced The Chair, the Oscar-nominated Robert Redford film All Is Lost and the upcoming NBC miniseries The Slap, in which Quinto is one of the three co-stars.

He is also signed on to appear in one more Star Trek film, expected out in 2016.

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Housewives of hockey

Reality series will follow wives of NHL stars

The wives and girlfriends of NHL stars will take centre ice in a new TV series, showcasing the women behind some of hockey's top stars and emerging talents.

Nicole Brown, wife of Los Angeles Kings captain Dustin Brown, and Noureen DeWulf, wife of Vancouver Canucks goaltender Ryan Miller, have been confirmed to take part in the new show.

The still unnamed "deep access" documentary series will follow the women over the course of an NHL season.

This show is produced by Bristow Global Media, which also created the series NHL Revealed: A Season Like No Other in partnership with the NHL and the league's players association.

The new series is slated to launch on W Network next February.

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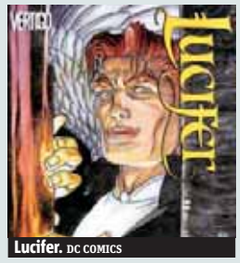
Satan moves to L.A.

Lucifer joins list of comic-based TV shows

Just ahead of the Gotham premiere, Fox has picked up Lucifer, a pilot based on the DC Comics character, Deadline reveals.

First introduced in 1989 in Sandman, published by DC's Vertigo imprint, Lucifer went on to become the protagonist of his own comic released between 2000 and 2006.

The potential TV series follows the fallen angel's everyday life in Los Angeles, where — after growing tired of Hell — he makes his living as the owner of a piano bar. AFP



Lucifer. DC COMICS





For teens, everything is a big deal

Dawn O'Porter. British author says new novel is based on her own life growing up with her grandparents

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro in New York

British TV personality and journalist Dawn O'Porter may be 35 and expecting her first child, but she admits she still acts a lot like a teenager.

"I did this program for TLC last year in the U.K. where I'd spy on teenagers with their parents," she says. "The parents would say they were going away for the weekend, and then we would spy on them. The whole time, I wanted to say, 'Just let them have a messy room and sleep in! That's what we do!' And I realized I was saying that as one of them."

Quoted

"You go through so much when you're a teen, but you don't have the emotional capacity that you do when you're an adult."

Dawn O'Porter, British journalist, on her new novel for young adults





British journalist and author Dawn O'Porter consulted diries from her own teenage years while writing a novel for young adults. CONTRIBUTED

O'Porter is releasing a new young-adult novel this month, and her story of two unlikely best friends is so right on that it's generating a lot of buzz.

The book is about two high schoolers, Flo and Renee.

Flo is the timid one, not brave enough to stand up to her Regina George-esque frenemy. She also has quite serious problems at home.

Renee is the classic boy-obsessed party girl. After her mother dies, she and her younger sister move in with their stoic grandparents.

When Flo's father dies, the two form an unlikely bond.

"You go through so much when you're a teen, but you don't have the emotional capacity that you do when you're an adult," O'Porter says.

The book conveys the fact that, when you're a teen, the big things are a big deal, of course, but the little things — like boys and embarrassing moments — are a big deal, too.

Much of Renee's character was taken from O'Porter's own life. Like the character, her mother died when she was seven and she was sent to live with her grandparents. Her own teen diaries were a big resource for the book.

"(My diary) was full of stories about boys. It was like, so-and-so was mean to me, I was mean to so-and-so, everyone hates me, I hate everyone, I love boys," she reminisces. "I smoked my first joint. I got really drunk for the first time. It was all so basic, but it reminded me how overwhelming everything felt because you don't have experience under your belt to put it all in perspective."

O'Porter and her husband actor Chris O'Dowd (Bridesmaids, Girls) recently announced they were expecting a child of their own by posting a video of O'Dowd doing the Ice Bucket Challenge and then nominating "baby O'Porter," followed by his wife dumping a glass of water on her pregnant belly.

But even with babies on the brain, O'Porter says the book hasn't changed her views of parenthood just yet.

"I'm so many years away from even dealing with a teenager that it's not even on my radar," she says. "Fundamentally, I'm still a teenager, but obviously that's about to change."

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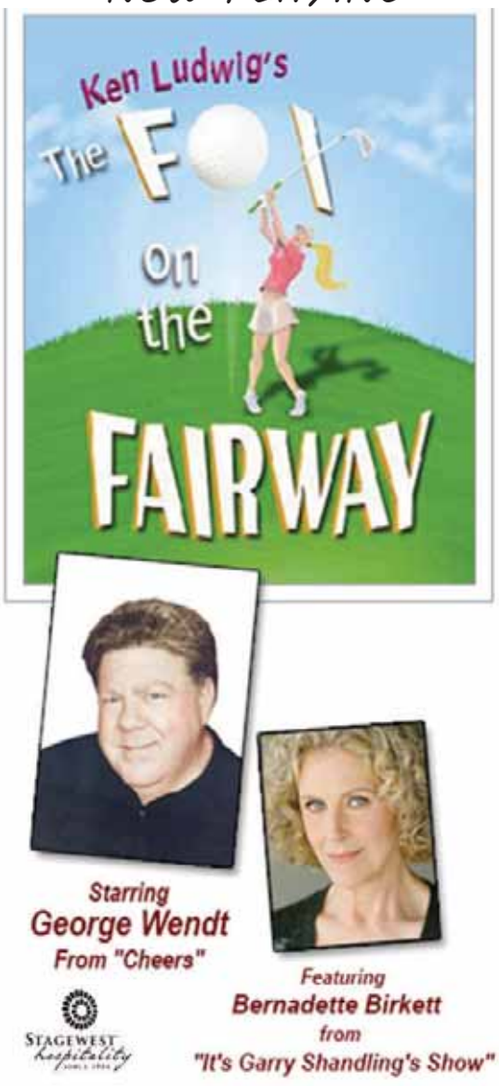
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Lena Dunham bares it all in book of personal essays

A girl grows up. With a new book coming out, the Girls creator says she's learned to become comfortable with controversy


Girls creator and star Lena Dunham says her new collection of personal essays is an exploration of femininity and feminism as it stands for today's young women. DIMITRIOS KAMBOURIS/GETTY IMAGES

When Lena Dunham first pitched an idea to television executives for a show centred on the lives of four young women in New York City, she was met with puzzlement and condescension.

"They were like, 'You know that thing when girls live together and they suddenly all get their periods at the same time?' I was like, 'No, I don't know that thing, and even if it were true, there's other stuff I'm worrying about that I'd rather write about,'" Dunham recalls with a laugh in a recent phone interview.

Thankfully, Dunham found a home on HBO and now Girls, an unflinching look at the desires and humiliations of a quartet of 20-somethings, is set to enter a fourth season. After skyrocketing to fame as its creator and star, Dunham has turned her gaze inward to produce a new collection of personal essays, called Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's 'Learned'.

Spanning her life from early childhood to present day, the book explores topics like her obsessive health fears, awkward sexual encounters "where you keep your sneakers on," being naked on TV, and of course, what it was like to prove herself in a meeting of 50-year-old male executives.

Dunham, 28, says she conceives of the book as an "exploration of femininity and feminism as it stands for young women, but through a very personal lens." She hopes that by sharing her own missteps she can help others avoid the same.

Although she has long considered herself a feminist, Dunham says her awareness of sexism has been deepened by the sheer number of online attacks on her.

A quick glance at her Twitter mentions reveals a steady stream of abuse, mostly focused on her body and unabashed nudity in Girls.

"I think I thought sexism was on its last legs. I think I thought it was like a staggering old behemoth falling to the ground, and starting my career has just given me the sense that we have so much further to go," says Dunham. "If I told everyone who had tweeted something misogynistic to me that they were misogynist, I wouldn't even know what that word meant anymore. And I always say I don't want to be the girl who cried misogyny. I really, really try to take each situation at face value. But it is amazing both in my public and private life how much of the negative dialogue I get into has to do with my femaleness."

Quoted

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Lena Dunham on dealing with public criticism that focuses on her body



The fourth season of Girls is set to premiere in 2015. In the third season finale, Hannah was accepted into the elite Iowa Writers' Workshop and told her shocked boyfriend (Adam Driver) that she planned to attend.

Hannah will be in "the most mature place we've ever seen her" at the start of season four, says Dunham.

"And then, um, Shoshanna cut her hair to her chin. Big hair news!" she says.

Dunham calls herself a "Canadaphile" and lists Alice Munro among her literary idols — so it's no surprise she's "thrilled" to be debuting her book Saturday in Toronto.

"I think Canada is a place with an amazing history of both literature and comedy and it's a really, really exciting place for me to go with the book," she says.

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Is Avril's year-old marriage coming to a Chad end?



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Say it ain't so! After recently celebrating a year of wedded bliss — and showing off a gaudy 17-carat diamond ring to mark the occasion, Avril Lavigne and Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger are reportedly packing it in, according to Us Weekly. "It's over. He has been going around L.A. telling people that they are divorcing," a source says.

I'm not really one to judge, but I can't believe it took her this long to realize he was in Nickelback. I guess sparkly diamonds can only distract a person from the awful truth for so long.

Shocker! Family of George's bride-to-be to pick up tab for rehearsal dinner

As George Clooney's upcoming Venice wedding to Amal Alamuddin approaches, new details about the big day are leaking out. Italian outlet Il Gazzettino reports that the nuptials will take place on Sept. 27, and Clooney's favourite newspaper of all time, the Daily Mail, reports that the couple will host an intimate rehearsal dinner the night before at the Hotel Cipriani. Us Weekly, for its part, claims that Alamuddin's family will actually be footing the bill. "Crazy enough,"



George Clooney

a source says, "her family is paying for most of it."



Kendall Jenner ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Kendall gets the butt-out-of-our-biz treatment from other NYFW models

Apparently there's even hazing in the fashion world, as Kendall Jenner reportedly learned during her New York Fashion Week debut earlier this month. "The other models worked so hard to get a spot on the runway and didn't think it was fair that she was there. They thought she was getting special treatment and just weren't OK with it," a source tells In Touch, adding that some of the other models "even put out their cigarettes in Kendall's drink. Models can be cruel, especially with someone new and entitled."

Connor Cruise giving up Scientology, searches for the sacred in Morocco

The Church of Scientology might be down another high-profile member, as Connor Cruise — the 19-year-old aspiring DJ and son of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman — is reportedly distancing himself from the controversial organization and has embarked on something of a spiritual quest. "Connor is no longer as interested in being a member of Scientology," a source tells Radar Online. "Connor is in Morocco right now doing some soul-searching. He is on a spiritual journey."

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Ingredients

Lasagna
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 1 lb (454 g) skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 lb (454 g) mushrooms, sliced
- 3 oz (85 g) thinly sliced pancetta, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) white wine
- 1 can (28 oz/796 ml) diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped parsley
- 9 lasagna noodles, cooked al dente
- 2 cups (500 ml) grated mozzarella cheese

Parmesan Béchamel Sauce
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground nutmeg

Lasagna

1. In large non-stick skillet, brown onion in butter. Add chicken and garlic and cook over high heat until chicken is golden brown. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside in a bowl.

2. In same skillet, brown mushrooms and pancetta. Add butter, if needed. Season with salt and pepper. Deglaze with the wine. Add the chicken mixture and tomatoes. Bring to a boil.

3. Cover and simmer for about 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked. Shred chicken with a fork, return to sauce and add the parsley. Adjust seasoning.

4. Parmesan Béchamel Sauce: In a saucepan, melt the butter. Add the flour and stir well. Add the milk and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Simmer for 1 minute. Stir in the Parmesan and nutmeg. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Assembly

1. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F.

2. At bottom of 13 x 9-inch (33 x 23 cm) baking dish, spread 1 cup (250 ml) of chicken sauce and cover with layer of noodles. Spread half of remaining chicken sauce and cover with a layer of noodles. Cover with béchamel sauce and then the remaining noodles. Add remaining chicken sauce and sprinkle with mozzarella.

3. Bake 30 minutes. Finish cooking under broiler for 5 minutes. Let rest 10 minutes before serving. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S UP-COMING ENGLISH EDITION LAUNCHING THIS SEPTEMBER!**

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Go beyond the obvious



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Wine and food pairing is an exercise in avoiding the obvious. Too often foodies focus on the main feature of a dish and ignore secondary components when picking a liquid to match.

Sauces, spices and even vegetables will influence your dinner's outcome, masking what you might think is the upfront flavour generator.

This week's recipe is a classic example. The chicken might seem the decision maker, or maybe it's the pasta noodles. It's really the can of tomatoes.

Though the humble tomato may look harmless, it's an acid bomb that doesn't play well with most wines. At the heart of Ricardo's rustic lasagna, it demands you choose a wine with an equally acidic personality.

Many Italian grapes fit the bill. A white pinot grigio or red sangiovese or barbera has more than enough acidity.

I'm partial to a pinot noir from France or California. Chateau St. Jean's 2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir ($18.99 - $19.95) is a plump and juicy Californian with plenty of tomato-friendly acid and bright red fruit.



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Flamenco Festival

Remember that summer in Spain you fell in love to the sound of flamenco? Whether you did or didn't, it sounds incredible, doesn't it? In its fourth year, the Calgary International Flamenco Festival is on Sept. 20-27 and features interactive workshops. The concerts are all held at Webber Academy Performing Arts Centre. They sold out last year, so act soon. calgaryflamencofestival.com

CIFF Two 4 One

Scrolling through events at this year's Calgary International Film Festival (Sept. 18-28) can be a bit overwhelming. Allow us to help make choosing easier: See the world premiere of Two 4 One at the Cineplex Odeon Eau Claire. This bittersweet dramedy stars Alberta's very own Gavin Crawford in an intriguing lead role where he finds himself in a very unexpected predicament after a one-night stand. If you miss the premiere on Sunday, Sept. 21, there's a second screening on Sept. 23 at 5:15 p.m., also at Eau Claire. More details at: calgaryfilm.com

Winsport Legacy Gala

Fall is gala season in Calgary, but sometimes it can be hard to find the right one to splurge on. WinSport's '80s-themed affair on September 25th is making a pretty good case for itself this year by bringing in some of the city's top chefs and six live bands straight out of the days of The Breakfast Club (Men Without Hats and Wang Chung — we're not even joking). A hundred per cent of your money is going to the future Olympians who train at WinSport facilities. Ticket prices vary, so get the details here: winsportca.ticketleap.com



Folk Fest Doppelsingers

If you had the misfortune of being out of town for Folk Fest this year, here's a way to satiate your appetite till next summer. On Sept. 26, you can hear local singer-songwriters like you've never heard them before, performing crossover covers of songs outside of their usual genres. (Get it yet? Doppelsingers?) The show is free, but get there for 7 p.m. to get up close and personal with artists like J.J. Shiplett and Astral Swans. For more info, calgaryfolkfest.com

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This one's for all the curious cats and lovers of behind-the-scenes tours. Doors Open YYC takes place over the Sept. 27-28 weekend across the city, giving the public access to the inner workings of some pretty cool operations. From learning how Fiasco makes such delicious gelato to how C-Trains are fixed when they break, and even how the Alberta Children's Hospital saves kids' lives daily, there's a lot to take in. Plan out your visits on the event website here: doorsopenyyc.org

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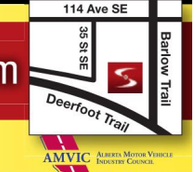
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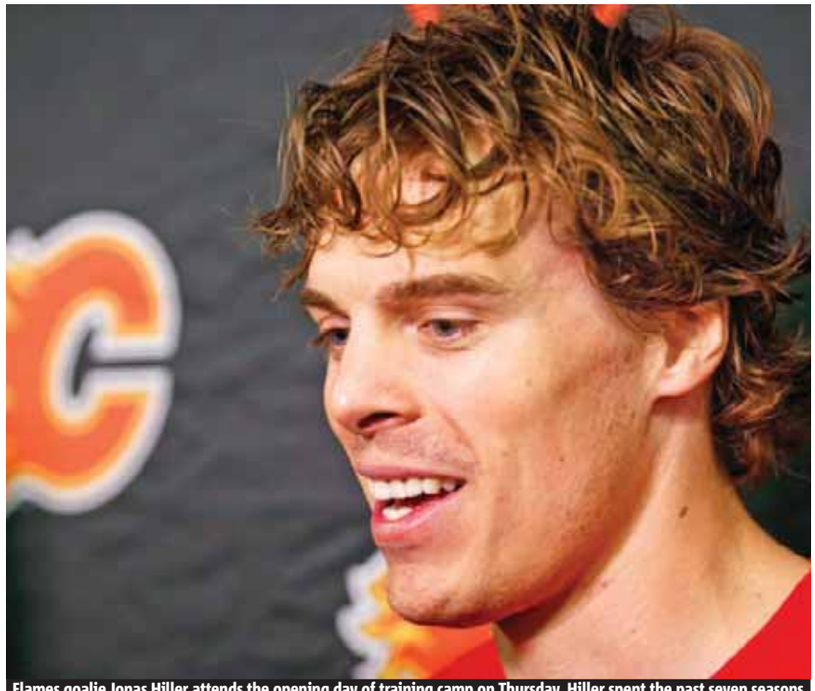
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4 SPORTS

Flames' net battle about to heat up

Training camp. Hiller and Ramo will vie for the No. 1 goalie position when the team hits the ice Friday



Flames goalie Jonas Hiller attends the opening day of training camp on Thursday. Hiller spent the past seven seasons with the Ducks. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Goaltending and scoring are the burning issues at the Calgary Flames training camp.

Jonas Hiller signed a two-year, US$9-million deal with Calgary in the summer; the 32-year-old Swiss netminder had dropped down the Anaheim Ducks goaltending depth chart at the end of his seventh season there.

Hiller brings a winning NHL record, plus playoff and Olympic Games experience to Calgary's net. But Hiller knows the starting job still has to be won in training camp.

Karri Ramo finished last season 6-5 after his return from a February knee injury. The 28-year-old Finn posted a 17-15 record for Calgary with solid numbers of a 2.65 goal-against average and .911 save percentage.

"I was looking for somewhere I can feel like I can have a good chance to prove being a number one in this league," Hiller said Thursday in Calgary after physical testing.

"It's definitely nice to know you have solid goaltending and no matter who is playing can win a game. You want to play as many games as possible, but it's definitely more fun if the team has success and that's the goal."

The Flames get on the ice Friday. Their first pre-season game is a split-squad contest Sunday against the Edmonton Oilers.

Bob Hartley's first season behind Calgary's bench was substantially shortened by the lockout. So in their first full season under Hartley, the Flames finished 27th in the league with a record of 35-40-7.

Of their 82 games, 49 were decided by a single goal.

The Flames haven't made the playoffs in five seasons.

"We want to get significantly better," centre Matt Stajan said. "We're going to push to climb the standings and try to get into the playoffs. Anything less is a failure for all of us."

Calgary finished in the bottom third of the NHL in scoring with 209 last season. Mike Cammalleri took a team-leading 26 goals with him to the New Jersey Devils when he signed there as a free agent in July.

New Flames general manager Brad Treliving signed forward Mason Raymond, who grew up playing in the Calgary area, to a three-year deal with an average annual salary of $3.1 million.

Treliving also took a flyer on Devin Setoguchi, from Taber, Alta., with a one-year deal worth $750,000.

Raymond's most productive season so far was 25 goals for Vancouver in 2009-10. Setoguchi, 27, is three years removed from scoring 22 goals for the San Jose Sharks.

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Progression

The Flames have two candidates who, with continued improvement, can be relied on to fill the net.

- Sean Monahan, still just 19, scored 22 goals as a rookie last season.
- Mikael Backlund, 25, stepped up in both production and presence last season with 18 goals and 21 assists.
- **Potential aces in the hole:** Max Reinhart, Markus Granlund, Sven Baertschi and recent top draft pick Sam Bennett.



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"I have a lot to prove." New Flames forward Devin Setoguchi

Penguins

Crosby, Malkin dinged up before training camp

Penguins forwards Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin will be held out of the start of training camp as a precaution with what the team described as minor injuries.

First-year coach Mike Johnston said both players were injured in the lead-up to camp, which begins Friday.

Neither injury is considered long-term.

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Ducks

Ghost of Selanne lingers in Anaheim

Teemu Selanne managed to make a stir on the first day of the Anaheim Ducks' training camp even after his retirement.

Coach Bruce Boudreau reacted with disappointment Thursday after hearing about Selanne's fierce criticism of Boudreau in a new biography.

Selanne retired at age 43 following a 21-season NHL career, spent mostly in Anaheim. His disagreements with Boudreau last season about his playing time and role were hardly secrets, but Selanne's decision to air them in public surprised the Ducks.

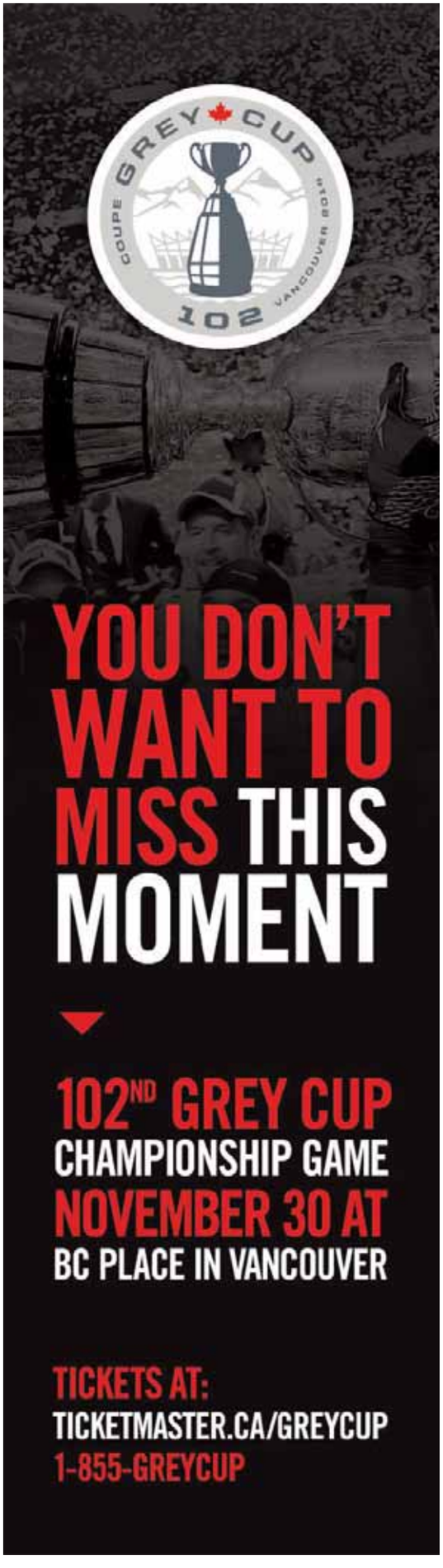
Several media outlets obtained copies of the Finnish book and translated the passages criticizing Boudreau's decisions regarding Selanne, who felt betrayed by his dwindling role in his final season. Selanne, who flirted with retirement for seven consecutive summers, said he might have played another year if Boudreau wasn't the Ducks' coach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capitals



"I just think a little bit of the inmates were running the asylum, that's No. 1. I think there's good talent, and I felt it needed some order."

New Capitals head coach Barry Trotz assessing his high-powered team's struggles to play a complete game and make the playoffs.



Avalanche plunge into new territory with old man Iggy



Avs forward Ryan O'Reilly undergoes physical testing on Thursday in Denver. JACK DEMPSEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Up-and-comers from Colorado have added veteran know-how to flashy core

Jarome Iginla took a few wrong turns and got lost heading into the office for his first day of work.

So new to town, it's understandable the Colorado Avalanche forward can't quite navigate his way to Denver's Pepsi Center yet.

His direction on the ice, though, is impeccable. That's why the Avalanche brought his leadership to Denver, hoping the 37-year-old can take them to the next level.

This is a team that surprised the NHL last season by tying a franchise record with 52 wins in coach Patrick Roy's first season. They also lost a Game 7 at home against the Minnesota Wild.

That first-round loss still bothers captain Gabriel Landeskog, who reported for physicals Thursday with an early start on his playoff beard.

"Last year we just wanted to make the playoffs and make a push," said Landeskog. "Now, it's about taking that next step and sending another message that we want to be a Stanley Cup contender."

To facilitate that, Colorado was quite active in the off-season. They acquired defenceman Brad Stuart from the San Jose Sharks and forward Daniel Briere from Montreal.

And when they lost fan favourite Paul Stastny through free agency, they went ahead and signed Iginla, who has 560 career NHL goals.

New (old) guy on the block



"There are going to be some fun nights because of the things they can do."

Jarome Iginla on the prospect of playing on a line with Ryan O'Reilly and Matt Duchene

"He's a natural goal-scorer," Roy said. "I think he's going to be very helpful to our guys."

Already renowned for his intense off-season workouts, Iginla stepped it up even another notch this summer so he can keep up with Colorado's youngsters. Roy is leaning toward pairing Iginla with Ryan O'Reilly and Matt Duchene.

"This is a very young, dynamic group," said Iginla, who scored 30 goals for Boston last season. "Lots of speed, lots of skill and guys that are very competitive.

The Avalanche caught the hockey world off-guard last season by winning the Central Division. Roy was named the league's top coach and Nathan MacKinnon the rookie of the year. O'Reilly earned the Lady Byng Award for gentlemanly conduct.

"If it's on the golf course, anywhere in Denver, there's an excitement and we want to continue to have our fans excited about our team," Roy said. "Last year we approached it that we wanted to surprise the world of hockey. I think if we can go even deeper in the playoffs that would surprise the world of hockey again." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago. Pricey Hawks know moves are ahead

The Chicago Blackhawks want to get back to the Stanley Cup final.

The Game 7 Western Conference finals loss in overtime to the eventual cup champion Los Angeles Kings still weighs on their minds. The 2013 cup champions are focused on bettering last season's finish.

"It's motivation knowing our potential and how close we came," Chicago captain Jonathan Toews said ahead of training camp on Friday. "(We're) using that as a source of energy to improve upon."

The roster will look slightly different by the end of camp. The Blackhawks are still around $2.2 million above the NHL salary cap and will need to make a move, possibly in the form of a trade, to get below the cap.

"Sure, I think about it," Duncan Keith said Thursday. "We all kind of know the business and obviously management has to make some decisions. Trades are always part of the game and part of the business."

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Net insurance. Wild sign Kuemper after Harding falls

The Minnesota Wild have signed goalie Darcy Kuemper to a two-year contract.

The Wild finally secured Kuemper on Thursday, a day after starting goalie Josh Harding broke his right foot. Kuemper went 12-8-4 with a 2.43 goals-against average and a .915 save percentage in 26 games last season.

The 24-year-old had been locked in negotiations with the Wild all summer, with the sides unable to come to agreement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Darcy Kuemper GETTY IMAGES

Texas sweeps, A's slump continues

Dejected. Oakland now a half-game behind Kansas for first wild-card spot



Oakland's Josh Reddick
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Oakland Athletics are stunned by their September collapse, yet stuck to find a solution.

And with the way things are going, manager Bob Melvin can't talk about playoffs, let alone plan for them.

Sonny Gray and the A's kept tumbling Thursday, falling out of the top AL wild-card spot with a 7-2 loss to Texas that gave the Rangers a three-game sweep.

"It's not very fun. When you're in a race, it's supposed to be fun," left fielder Brandon Moss said. "But I don't see anyone in this clubhouse having any fun, because it's not. We're pretty frustrated. We're disappointed. But it's not over, and we know that."

The latest loss to the team with the worst record in the majors dropped the A's a half-game behind idle Kansas City for the first wild-spot slot. Oakland owned the best record in the big leagues as recently as Aug. 15.

"We're still in the wild card. All that's moot unless we start to play better. We'll find ourselves in no position if we continue to lose," Melvin said. "You've got to fight being beat down based on what has transpired here recently.... It's tough sometimes to get over these things. They're all accountable for what they do. We all are."

Texas roughed up Gray (13-9) for four runs in the first inning and won its season-best sixth in a row. Oakland has lost six of eight.

Gray saw his winless stretch reach five starts.
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The beginning of the end for Jeter

New York Yankees' Derek Jeter bumps fists with third base coach Rob Thomson on his way to home plate after hitting a home run during the sixth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays Thursday, in New York. The Yankees beat the Jays 3-2 in the first game of Jeter's final homestand. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis

Li Na announces her retirement

Li Na, a two-time Grand Slam champion from China who took tennis in Asia to a new level, has retired due to recurring knee injuries.

The 32-year-old Li ended a week of intensifying speculation that she would announce her retirement ahead of the new WTA event at Wuhan, her home town. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Davis Cup

Lang itching to rematch Japan

Martin Lang is looking forward to Canada's Davis Cup team having another chance to face Japan in a World Group first-round match in 2015 in a rematch of their first-round clash last year when Japan defeated Canada 4-1 to reach the World Group quarter-finals.
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CFL

Owens returns to the Argos lineup

Chad Owens is back in Owens is back in the Toronto Argonauts lineup.

The veteran receiver was listed as starter for the game Friday in Vancouver against the Lions.

Owens suffered a leg injury in Toronto's 41-27 loss to the Edmonton Eskimos on Aug. 23.
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Dwyer assaulted wife, police say

Broken nose. Report states attack came after she refused his sexual advances

Arizona Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer headbutted his wife and broke her nose after she refused his sexual advances, and punched her in the face the next day, police said Thursday.

The details surfaced in a law enforcement report a day after Dwyer was arrested on aggravated assault charges and deactivated from all team activities after he was taken into custody at the Cardinals' practice facility and headquarters in Tempe, Ariz. He spent a night in jail and made a brief court appearance before being released on a $25,000 bond early Thursday.

The arrest came at a time when the NFL and its commissioner are under fire over a series of violent off-the-field encounters involving some of the league's marquee players, including Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson and Greg Hardy.

The NFL has said the Dwyer case will be reviewed under the league's personal-conduct policy.

On Thursday, the Cardinals placed Dwyer on the reserve/non-football illness list. A person with knowledge of the situation said Dwyer was undergoing mental evaluation because of mentions of suicide referred to in police documents.

The Cardinals re-signed running back Jalen Parmele to take Dwyer's roster spot.

Dwyer was arrested Wednesday for investigation in two altercations that occurred on July 21 and 22 at his Phoenix residence, just days before the Cardinals reported to training camp. His wife left the state after the incidents, but came forward a week ago after Dwyer apparently sent suicidal text messages including a photo of a knife.

In the first encounter, police say Dwyer attempted to kiss and undress his wife, but she refused. Someone who heard the argument reported the assault to police, who showed up at the apartment but did not make an arrest. Dwyer hid in a bathroom and the wife said she hadn't been assaulted and denied he was in the home because the running back threatened to kill himself in front of her and their child if she told police about the assault, police said.

The next day, Dwyer punched his wife with a closed fist on the left side of her face, according to police. He also punched walls and threw a shoe at his 17-month-old son, who was not injured, police said.

As his wife tried to call police, Dwyer grabbed her cellphone and threw it down from the home's second storey. Witnesses told police that Dwyer's wife said, "I'm calling the police" as she held her swollen face and clutched her son. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

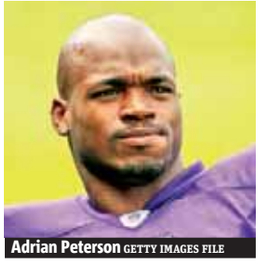


Police officers escort Arizona Cardinals Jonathan Dwyer following his arrest Wednesday, in Phoenix, Ariz. Dwyer was arrested on aggravated assault charges in connection with two altercations at his home in July involving his wife and an 18-month-old child, the latest in a string of cases involving NFL players. DAVID KADLUBOWSKI/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL repeat story

The NFL has been jolted by domestic violence issues since a video surfaced that showed former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice knocking out his then-fiancée in an elevator in Atlantic City.

- Then Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson was indicted on felony child abuse charges for using a tree branch, or "switch," to discipline his four-year-old son.
- On Wednesday, the Carolina Panthers decided that star defensive end Greg Hardy won't play for the team until his domestic violence case is resolved. Hardy was convicted of assault on a woman and communicating threats after the victim said Hardy threw her in the bathtub and onto a sofa covered with guns before threatening to kill her. Hardy is appealing the ruling.



Adrian Peterson GETTY IMAGES FILE

Vikings. Makeshift backfield sorely lacking in experience

NFL teams make succession plans all the time for star players moving past their prime. The sudden absence of Adrian Peterson from Minnesota's backfield, though, did not reveal a carefully crafted blueprint.

His hiatus, following a charge of child abuse against him in Texas, could hardly have been anticipated.

The Vikings, thus, have begun to try to make due with an unproven group of running backs, lacking the ready-made replacement they might have been on track to acquire next year. Even if Peterson's age and salary already made his future with the team uncertain beyond this season, before the off-the-field issue arose, the Vikings were certainly counting on him to be the featured part of the offence in 2014.

"I don't think you can say, 'Hey, in this game we're going to get three or four runs over 15 yards,' like you would with Adrian," offensive co-ordinator Norv Turner said. "So you just have to adjust your plan."

Matt Asiata, an undrafted third-year player with 62 career carries, is expected to start Sunday at New Orleans. Rookie Jerick McKinnon will also have opportunities to run the ball and catch it out of the backfield. Joe Banyard is the other tailback on the roster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rematch. Seahawks look for Super Bowl repeat

Demaryius Thomas caught the short pass but never got the chance to turn up field. Before he could break away, as he did so many times for Denver during the 2013 season, Thomas was flattened by Seattle strong safety Kam Chancellor.

That moment came on the third offensive play for Denver in the Super Bowl. And it was a tone-setting moment for the entire night during which the Broncos were bullied by the Seahawks.

"The way we outhit them. It was like every time they touched the ball on their check downs we were smacking them left and right," Seattle linebacker K.J. Wright said.

Seattle's ability to control the Super Bowl with its physicality stood out almost from the first snap. Whether it was with the big hits like what Chancellor laid on Thomas, or Seattle's defensive line collapsing the pocket and disrupting the timing of Peyton Manning and the Denver passing game, the Seahawks simply overpowered the Broncos.

The two teams face off again when Denver travels to Seattle on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Swarming the receivers

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The Seahawks limited the Broncos to 3.9 yards after catch in the Super Bowl. Denver had averaged six yard throughout the 2013 regular season.

Defending the commish

Vick backs Goodell

Michael Vick fully supports the man who gave him a second chance in the NFL.



Michael Vick GETTY IMAGES

The New York Jets quarterback defended NFL commissioner Roger Goodell while the league has come under heavy criticism over several players facing domestic violence allegations.

"I think he's doing a great job," Vick said. "I think some situations are more complicated than others. You're not going to get it right all the time on the first time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your priority now must be to get out into the world and do what Geminis do best to have fun. Career and money worries can be left until another day.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There will be good and bad days but there will be a lot more of the former if you change the way you assess what is "good" and "bad". You can be far too hard on yourself.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
However difficult your current situation, you'll handle it with ease. You need to realize that whatever you have to face is what you're meant to face.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What happened in the past is irrelevant to your present situation. Look back only to learn a lesson or two then look and move forward.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't beat yourself up about something that went wrong. If you indulge your emotions, you may lose sight of good things you have to be thankful for.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something that made perfect sense a while ago now seems to make no sense at all. A day or two from now you will have forgotten why you thought it was so important.

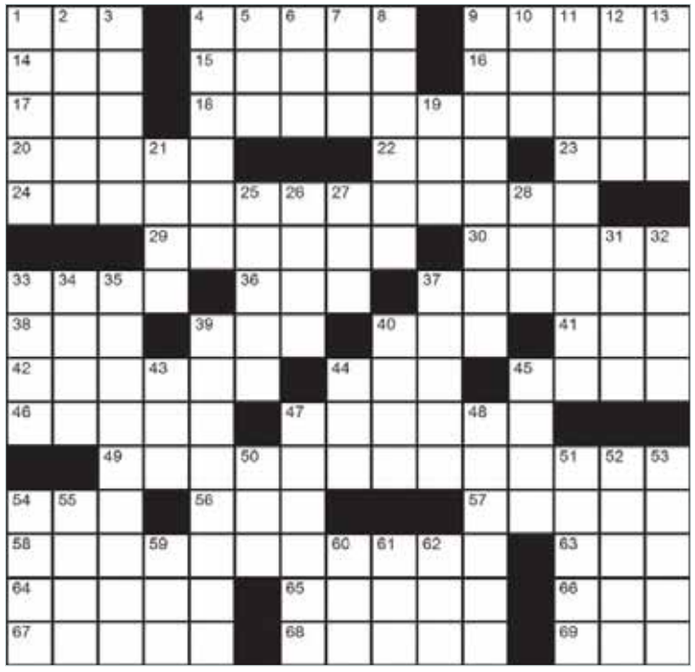
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have strong views on controversial topics but the planets warn this is not the right time to make an issue of them. Wait until the Sun moves in your favour on the 23rd.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be having a great deal of fun but have you considered the consequences which could arise from some of your more impulsive actions?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The answers you seek are easily found, but only if you ask the right questions in the right way. You're an Aquarius, so think, speak and act big.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The best way to deal with a negative situation is to ignore it. If you do, it'll quickly shrink in importance. The more you focus on what's going wrong, the longer it will stick around.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



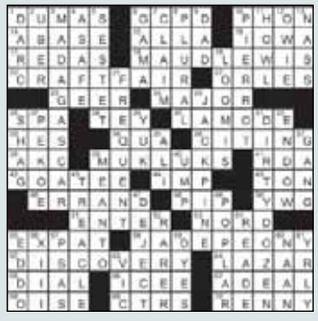
Across

1. Energy
4. Toned down
9. Limerick's rhyming pattern
14. Two __ _ kind
15. Livelier
16. Tightfisted
17. Music legend Mr. Calloway
18. The __: "Diagnosis" band from Winnipeg
20. Garlic mayonnaise
22. Uniondale-based NHL team [acronym]
23. Music style, __ Soul
24. Northern Yukon archaeological site where stone and bone artifacts were uncovered: 2 wds.
29. "This is simply yummy!"
30. Halved: 2 wds.
33. Ewe's expressions
36. Pre-Lah musical note
37. Attack
38. Karel Capek science fiction play
39. Shut out
40. "__. _ & the Women" (2000)
41. Company name abbr.
42. Calculating classic
44. Work unit
45. Vintage arcade game, __-Ball
46. Mr. B. DeMille
47. Band of performers
49. "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch" role for Montreal-born actress/comedian Caroline Rhea: 2 wds.
54. Charlottetown's prov.
56. Friend
57. Burning
58. NFLD: Avalon Peninsula fishing town: 2 wds.
63. Mountain __ (Soft drink)
64. Designer Calvin
65. Jagged
66. Tank liquid
67. Facilitates
68. Pulls on
69. Ron __ (Star of '60s series "Tarzan")

Down

1. English class lesson, briefly
2. "_ __ to see the point?" (Why?)
3. Cape Breton community where The Rankin Family is from
4. "__ & Kids" (Damon Wayans sitcom): 2 wds.
5. OPEC member country
6. __-la-la!
7. Comic character's cry!
8. Really soak
9. Rally organizer
10. 1988 Poison album: 'Open Up and Say... __!'
11. Jack and the __
12. Blight
13. Lhasa __ (Small dog)
19. Scandinavian rug
21. Digital displays, e.g.
25. Namesakes of Ingrid's role in "Casablanca" (1942)
26. Priory of __, in "The Da Vinci Code"
27. _ _ _ Prince Albert of Monaco
28. Nav. designation
31. __-Out (Bic product)
32. Word with Ye
33. Bric-a-__
34. Dawn: French
35. Peanuts: French
37. Quarrel
39. Pitchers' warming-up spots
40. Decline
43. Nero's 102
44. Hosp. units
45. __-made millionaire
47. Fashion guru, Andre Leon __
48. Air Canada fleet
50. __ es Salaam, Tanzania
51. Moose's sweetheart in Archie Comics
52. Expanse-related
53. Au courant
54. Nudge
55. "__ Enchanted" (2004)
59. Diner dessert
60. Mr. Gershwin
61. Pro opponent
62. Inquire

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		6		4	2			
		1	7			3		
			8				1	7
		7	6			5		2
	1						9	
2		8			7	6		
4	3				5			
		2			1	9		
			9	7		4		

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	7	9	5	2	8	6	3
9	6	5	3	1	8	2	7	4
3	8	2	4	7	6	9	5	1
6	7	1	5	4	9	3	2	8
5	3	9	2	8	7	4	1	6
8	2	4	1	6	3	7	9	5
7	1	6	8	2	4	5	3	9
4	5	3	7	9	1	6	8	2
2	9	8	6	3	5	1	4	7

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